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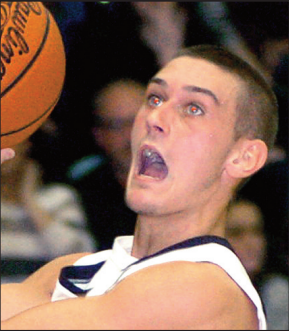


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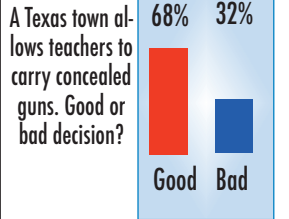
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Sebring native named to Ohio Supreme court

By **KEVIN HOWELL**
Staff Writer

COLUMBUS— A Sebring native has been named to the Ohio Supreme Court.

Gov. John Kasich on Thursday appointed 10th District Court of Appeals Judge Judith L. French to replace Justice Evelyn Lundberg Stratton effective Jan. 1. French has served on the 10th District Court since 2004.

French replaces Stratton who announced in May that she would retire by the end of the year. Stratton's term expires on Jan. 1, 2015.

"While our state will miss Justice Stratton, Ohioans can be confident

Judge French has the diverse experience and strong legal mind required to serve on Ohio's highest court," Kasich said in a written statement. "Judge French has demonstrated her dedication to preserving the rule of law, to Ohio and its constitution, and I'm proud to appoint her to the Supreme Court."

French has been practicing law since her graduation from The Ohio



FRENCH

State University College of Law in 1988. In 1993 she began her service to the state of Ohio as Deputy Director of Legal Affairs at the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency. She went on to serve as Section Chief and Chief Counsel to Ohio Attorney General Betty Montgomery from 1997 to 2002 and as Chief Counsel to Ohio Governor Bob Taft from 2002 to 2004.

She has also served as an associate for Porter, Wright, Morris & Arthur from 1988 to 1992, with a focus on environmental permitting, compliance, and enforcement issues before moving on to serve as Corporate Counsel for Steelcase Inc. from 1992

to 1993.

French is a member of the Constitutional Modernization Commission co-chaired by Speaker William Batchelder and Rep. Vernon Sykes and serves on the OSU Moritz College of Law National Council, the Ohio Women's Bar Association, and has been a mentor in the Big Brothers/Big Sisters program. She is also a board member of Amethyst Inc., a center for long-term addiction treatment with safe housing for women and their children.

French lives in central Ohio with her husband and two children.

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3 charged in lottery fraud at EL store

By **TOM GIAMBRONI**
Staff Writer

LISBON — Three people have been charged in connection with defrauding the Ohio Lottery Commission, one of whom owned and operated the East Liverpool convenience store where the alleged crime occurred.

Served with secret indictments issued by the Columbiana County grand jury were:

— Saleh M. Fahmawi, 38, of Canfield, charged with theft, telecommunications fraud and receiving stolen property.

— Ashraf M. Fahmawi, 26, of Canfield, charged with theft, telecommunications, fraud and receiving stolen property.

— Rouz A. Elkady, 35, of Canfield, charged with receiving stolen property and theft.

According to Ohio Lottery Commission records and OLC public information officer Marie Kilbane, Saleh owned and operated the Convenient Food Mart, Lisbon Street, East Liverpool, and his brother, Ashraf worked there. Elkady is Saleh's girlfriend, and all three were living at the same address at the time of the alleged crime.

Acting on several anonymous complaints about possible lottery theft occurring at the store, the OLC sent an undercover agent there on Aug. 23 with a bogus Instant ticket programmed to be a winner worth \$10,000. The agent handed the ticket to the clerk to be checked and then walked to the back of the store to get a soda pop. The agent then heard chimes from the lottery scanner that denotes a winning ticket and was told by the clerk he had won \$25. The person handed the ticket was later identified as Ashraf, who reportedly turned it over to Saleh to be checked.

The agent was paid \$25 and left. The bogus ticket was later validated for \$10,000 the same day from the store, and Elkady filed a claim for the \$10,000 on Sept. 7.

OLC investigators, accompanied by East Liverpool police, went to the convenience store on Sept. 19 and questioned Saleh, who was read his rights but indicated he did not understand English very well despite being in the United States for six years. The investigator asked him how

See LOTTERY, **3A**



Winter returns and cars pile up

The Lisbon post of the Ohio State Highway Patrol responded to this car on its side along Y&O Road near Glenmoor Friday afternoon. The driver appeared to be uninjured, but details of the crash were not available from the patrol Friday night, with troopers still working on reports. St. Clair Township police officers also responded and assisted with traffic control. (Salem News photo by Jo Ann Bobby-Gilbert)



Tip-off

West Branch's Jacob Griffith and Alliance's J.J. Kukura tip-off their game Friday in Beloit. Full area roundup, 1B. (Salem News photo by B.J. Lisko)

Mahoning coroner releases cause of death for roofer

By **KEVIN HOWELL**
Staff Writer

BEAVER TOWNSHIP— The cause of death of a Salem construction worker who fell through a roof at a North Lima business Wednesday morning has been determined as blunt force trauma to the head, according to the Mahoning County Coroner's Office.

The office is continuing to work with the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) to investigate the incident which claimed the life of 19-year-old Alex Hrovatic of Salem. An employee of Witmer's Construction, Hrovatic reportedly fell through a roof 25 feet to a cement floor at Mahoning Valley Water on South Street Extension (state Route 164) Wednesday morning. He died from his injuries at 5:20 a.m. Thursday.

A representative from OSHA said that the department notified Witmer's of the investigation on Thursday and has up to six months to determine if a health or safety violation occurred.

See CAUSE, **3A**

Competency check ordered for man accused of molesting girl

Staff Reports

LISBON — A Salem man accused of molesting a girl at the church they attended will be evaluated to determine his mental competency to stand trial.

Roger L. Gonda, 65, of Franklin Street, is charged in Columbiana County Common Pleas Court with two counts of gross sexual imposition and one count of sexual importuning. According to court record, Gonda molested the 5-year-old girl on or about the months of June and July 2012 and on July 29, 2012. This resulted in the gross sexual imposition charges.

The sexual importuning charge has to do with Gonda allegedly telling the girl in crude and explicit terms how he wanted to molest her. This occurred on July 29, while she was reportedly sitting on his lap.

Assistant County Prosecutor Tim McNicol reported that at the times of the alleged crimes Gonda attended Southeast Friends Church in Salem, serving as a volunteer for the junior church services held for children during regular services. McNicol said the crimes occurred during the junior church portion of the service.

See CHECK, **3A**

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DEATHS

Edith G. Kale

CANFIELD — Funeral services will be held at 9:30 a.m. Monday at the Lane Family Funeral Homes Austintown Chapel for Edith G. Kale, 81, who died Friday morning at Courtyard Assisted Living in Salem.

Edith was born March 28, 1931, in West Austintown, the daughter of Samuel Schrum and Edith (Bishop) Schrum. She had formerly lived in Canfield.

Edith formerly attended Greenford Christian Church and was a member of the Pythian Sisters # 313 in North Jackson. She had formerly worked as a secretary for Union Cartage Trucking and Hynes Steel Company.

She was preceded in death by her husband, LaMar Kale, whom she married Sept. 19, 1953.

Edith is survived by sisters, Imogene Yocum of Salem, Grace Dimick of Alliance, Geraldine Craig of Berlin Center, Eileen Taylor of Greenford and Doris Burkett of Canfield. She also leaves several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by brothers, Richard and Wilbur Schrum, sisters Charlotte Sisco and Vera Orr.

Family and friends may call from 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

To view this obituary and send condolences to the funeral home please visit www.lanefuneralhomes.com.

12/22/12
(Paid obituary)

Mrs. Edward (Linda) Tonti

SALEM —Mrs. Edward (Linda) Tonti, 94, passed away Thursday, Dec. 20, 2012, at The Courtyard assisted living home in Salem, Ohio, where she had been a resident for two and a half years.

She was born Jan. 16, 1918, in Youngstown, the daughter of the late Guilio DiCarlo and Emma (Federichi) DiCarlo. She resided in Liberty Township for most of her life. She had worked in the nursery of St. Elizabeth Hospital for a number of years.

Her family includes two sons, John (Joetta) of Salem, Ohio, and Robert (Robin) of Roanoke, Va.; a brother, Tom DiCarlo of Tennessee; three grandchildren, Robert (Melissa) and Joseph (Katy) of Toledo and Wendy(Steve) Broache of Gettysburg, Pa.; five great-grandchildren, Rachel (Nate) Addington, Jon Harp, Alex (Sara) Harp, Michael and Jessica Tonti; and one great-great-grandchild, Athen Addington.

Beside her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Edward Tonti, whom she married June 12, 1937; three sisters, Betty Zappi Walker, Irma Carano and Amelia Altieri; and a brother, Anthony DiCarlo.

Linda's family would like to thank Grace Hospice for their warm and loving care during her final days and also the staff of The Courtyard who respectfully provided for her needs for the two and a half years as a resident of The Courtyard.

A memorial service will be held for the family at a later date.

There are no calling hours.

Arrangements are entrusted to the Schiavone Funeral Home, 1842 Belmont Ave., Youngstown, Ohio.

The family suggests memorial contributions be made to Grace Hospice, 7206 Market St. Youngstown, Ohio 44512 or the Salem Community Foundation, P.O. 553 Salem, Ohio 44460.

12/22/12
(Paid obituary)

Alex Hrovatic

SALEM — Alex Hrovatic, 19, of Salem, died at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Boardman. Arrangements are pending at the Stark Memorial Funeral Home.

12/22/12

Mary Ellen Matto

SALEM — Mary Ellen Matto, 65, died Friday at Salem Community Hospital. Arrangements are pending at Stark Memorial.

12/22/12

POLICE REPORTS

COLUMBIANA

—A wallet was lost near the Village Plaza about 11 a.m. Thursday. The person called back to say the wallet was found and everything was intact.

—A caller reported there was a dead cat on Union Street at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, and police said they would take care of it.

—A report was received of thick smoke coming from a Metz Road home at 5:49 p.m. Thursday but it turned out not to be a house fire.

—A motorist reported seeing water bubbling to the surface while driving through the intersection of North Main Street and state Route 164 at 7:42 p.m. Thursday. The street department was aware of the situation, which they said was due to a storm drain collapse, and a crew was on the way to repair it.

PERRY TWP.

—A Hunt Road resident reported at 12:40 p.m. Thursday that someone in a suspicious vehicle had been photographing the home, as well as children and adults who had been playing in the yard. The resident described the vehicle as a maroon Chevy station wagon being driven by a man in his early- to mid-30s.

—David Alan Deville, 50, Greenville, S.C., was arrested for operating a vehicle intoxicated following a traffic stop for marked lanes at 1:48 a.m. Friday.

—A 300 block Georgetown Road resident reported at 4:34 a.m. Friday that someone had been shining a flashlight through his front window. An officer checked the area but was unable to find anyone.

SALEM

—A South Lundy Avenue woman reported at 12:26 a.m. Thursday that she had been receiving unwanted telephone calls from a woman she knows.

—An officer responded to a Southeast Boulevard home at 2:37 a.m. Thursday where the resident reported her ex-boyfriend had been attempting to enter through the back door, but fled when he was seen. The officer spoke with the suspect at his home and warned him not to return to the complainant's residence.

—An Aetna Street woman reported at 7:01 a.m. Thursday that her son had been riding his skateboard to school when two hispanic men approached him on South Lundy Avenue and attempted to take it. She said her son returned home with the skateboard and she drove him to school. Officers searched the area but were unable to locate the suspects.

—Police are investigating a missing night deposit of \$1,101 from a local business at a local bank reported at 9:37 a.m. Thursday.

—An officer responded to the Salem High School at 10:24 a.m. Thursday for a report of a man videotaping the sign at the F.E. Cope Drive entrance. The officer searched the area but was unable to find anything suspicious.

—Drug charges are pending against a Salineville woman following a traffic stop on South Lincoln Avenue Thursday morning. Officers recovered drug paraphernalia from the vehicle of Laura Battaglia, 41, 116 High St., Salineville, during a traffic stop at 11:32 a.m. for speed. Charges are pending lab results. She was cited for no operator's license.

—A West Pershing Street woman reported at 2:20 p.m. Thursday that she observed at a local pawn shop what she believed to be a diamond solitaire ring that had been stolen from her residence approximately nine months earlier.

—Stephen K. Danklef, 69, 360 Springdale St., Salem, was cited for failure to yield from private property after he allegedly pulled from a parking lot in the 1800 block of state Route 14 and struck an eastbound vehicle driven by Robert W. Dripps of Poland at 5:14 p.m. Thursday.

—A Cedar Ridge Drive resident reported at 5:57 p.m. Thursday that the grandmother of her boyfriend's ex-girlfriend had harassed and threatened her during a custody exchange of the boyfriend's child. The complainant also stated that the grandmother's teenage daughter was also present at the exchange and made threats in an attempt to incite a physical altercation.

—A North Lincoln Avenue resident reported at 8:32 p.m. Thursday that she had received harassing text messages from someone who had recently assaulted her.

—Police responded to a reported breaking and entering in the 2200 block of Oak Street at 9:15 p.m. but found the building secure.

—Police responded to a Newgarden Avenue home at 12:05 a.m. Friday where a resident reported the sound of someone pounding on the house. Officers searched the area but were unable to find anything suspicious.

—An Aetna Street woman reported at 9:49 a.m. Friday that she observed at a local pawn shop an Acer tablet she believes to have been stolen from her home within the past month.

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

Columbiana

Mary Imhoff to Jean Maxwell, condominium on Timberline Drive; \$142,000.

Lyle Gwin, trustee, to Robert Polen, home on Fairfield Avenue; \$250,000.

Estate of Carole Bertolette, property on Fairfield School Road; \$49,675.

Mary and Jason Calinger to Jamie Bertolette, property on Fairfield School Road; \$16,409.

East Liverpool

Ruth Adkins to Petina and Paul Williams, property on Monaca Street; \$286.

Tabitha Cehrs to Aaron Stevens, home on Illinois Avenue; \$4,000.

C & M Associates/Car Washes Inc. to Brian Conner, Do It Yourself Bays car wash on West Third Street; \$50,000.

Thomas and Gloria Moore to Fannie Mae (foreclosure), home on St. Clair Avenue; \$18,000.

County Sheriff (Sheila Johnson) to Bank of America, home on Alpha Street; \$16,000.

East Palestine

Bradley and Robin Robb to Aaron and Rachel Murphy, home on West North Avenue; \$93,000.

Elkrun Township

Triple Crown Energy to Mineral Acquisition Co., mineral rights to 32 acres on Dutchtown School Road; \$161,600.

Geraldine Stanley to Scott Spooner, 4 acres on Scroggs Road; \$16,300.

Fairfield Township

Ronald and Shelby Gwin to Dominic DaAngelo, home on Woodvale Lane; \$143,000.

Hanoverton

Calvin Adams to Tim and Michelle Coffman, home on Plymouth Street; \$2,000.

Hanover Township

First Place Bank (Walter Blythe) to Samuel and Kimberly Courtney, home on state Route 172; \$100,000.

Knox Township

James and Constance Hanes to Gavin McLaughlin, house trailer and 8 acres on Knox School Road; \$112,000.

Linda Dull to Gregory Davis, home on Sycamore Street; \$18,000.

Madison Township

Jerry Plunkett and Doug Sanford to Jerry and Vicki Plunkett, 5 lots on state Route 518; \$16,150.

Middleton Township

Christopher and Crystal Fair to Anthony Pugliano Jr., home on Mohican Trail; \$101,000.

Salem

County Sheriff (William and April Stewart) to PNC Mortgage, home on Franklin Avenue; \$70,000.

Salem Township

Eugene Gauding to Brian and Nolita Horst, home on St. Jacob-Logtown Road; \$62,500.

Unity Township

James Leik and Michelle Graef to Michelle and Patrick Graef, home and 7 acres on Rauch Road; \$153,466.

Wellsville

Agnes Ward to Patricia Sprouse, home on Clark Avenue; \$70,000.

West Township

Ephraim Kensinger to Samantha Robertson, home on Canal Street, East Rochester; \$40,700.

MUNICIPAL

LISBON — The following cases were handled this week in Columbiana County Municipal Court:

David M. Deville, 50, of Greenville, S.C., pleaded innocent to charges of OVI and failure to drive within marked lanes, and a pretrial hearing is scheduled for Feb. 12. Deville was cited following a traffic stop in state Route 9 in Perry Township at 1:48 a.m. Friday.

Frank J. Little III, 42, Walnut Ridge, Salineville, pleaded guilty as charged to OVI and failure to drive within marked lanes. Little was fined \$695 and sentenced to three days in the county jail, with the jail time suspended if he attends Steering Clear classes. Little was cited while driving in Salineville at 9:34 p.m. Dec. 8.

Steven M. Collar, 39, of Mercer, Pa., was found guilty of OVI and having an open container of alcohol in a motor vehicle. Collar was fined \$825 and sentenced to three days in jail, which will be suspended if he attends Steering Clear classes. Collar was cited while driving in Salem at 1:11 a.m. Nov. 25.

Judge Carol Robb suspended 134 remaining days of a 180-day jail sentence she imposed on Zachary R. Cline, 21, Oliver Street, East Liverpool, after he was previously found guilty of OVI (third offense) and speeding. Cline already served 46 days of the jail sentence.

COMMON PLEAS

New Cases

Amy B. Westover of East Palestine v. Edward T. Westover of East Palestine; divorce sought.

Michelle Ericson of Lisbon and Mark Ericson of Boardman; dissolution sought.

Docket Entries

Gary Schnarrenberger of Columbiana v. Catherine Schnarrenberger of New Waterford; divorce granted.

Tonya G. Willis of Salem v. William D. Willis Jr. of Columbiana; divorce granted.

SHERIFF

—Deputies responded Tuesday morning to Knox School Road for a report of a suspicious vehicle near a vacant house. They found the vehicle's engine still warm but no one around. A window in the house was found unlocked and, inside, deputies discovered wet footprints on the carpeting, but no one was inside or in the four outbuildings. They had the car towed. Later, Sebring and West Township police called to report they were flagged down by a man who claimed his mother's car was stolen while he was visiting someone in the area of the vacant house. He did not appear to be muddy or wet and was released after completing a statement.

—Deputies were called Wednesday for a property dispute between Dan Lyon, state Route 7, Lisbon and the Ohio Department of Transportation, which was planning to cut and trim trees on the state's right-of-way. Lyon told deputies he believed the trees were on his property. Both parties were advised to contact their attorneys. A tree-trimming company moved into place but was awaiting a release from ODOT before beginning any work, according to reports.

—A Fife Coal Road, Wellsville, woman reported her driver's license stolen from her purse. She acquired a new license but was advised to complete a report.

—A Main Street, Homeworth, woman reported Thursday someone entered her unlocked home and took change and prescription medications.

—A Canfield-Akron Road, Canfield, woman reported that, while she was at Lakeview Drive, Hanoverton, she began receiving calls from a man identifying himself as a federal marshal, telling her she owed a large sum of money for a cash advance secured via the Internet. Deputies called the phone number and spoke to a Gary Marshal, who said it was a company that processes bad checks but that he had no one by her name in his system.

—A Rose Drive, Lisbon, woman reported her rear license plate stolen.

—A Carmel-Achor Road, Rogers, woman reported barking dogs, and deputies arrived to find dogs in a pen barking continuously but no one home. They left a note for the dogs' owners.

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Toys for kids at hospital

Members of the Salineville Masonic Lodge 348 continued their holiday tradition of donating toys for children who are patients or visitors at Salem Community Hospital (SCH). LuAnn Haddad, SCH vice president of institutional advancement, accepted the gifts from lodge representatives, from left, Jon Hays, Stan Miller and Brent Rose. (Submitted photo)

Hunter found dead in Carrol County

Staff Reports

MALVERN — A Columbiana County man was found dead in Carroll County Thursday night after he failed to return home from hunting.

According to the Carroll County Sheriff Department, Robert Hepner, 61, Quaker Church Road, East Rochester, was found near a tree in the Pride Valley Campground in Brown Township after a 90-minute search.

An airplane provided by the Ohio State Highway Patrol was used in the search.

A family member had reported that Hepner failed to return home after a night hunting raccoon.

An autopsy is pending, but Sheriff Dale Williams has said there were no signs of foul play and it appears Hepner may have suffered a heart attack.

The area in which Hepner was found is located about six miles west of Minerva, according to a deputy at the sheriff's department.

CHECK FROM 1A

Gonda was scheduled to go on trial this week, but the county public defender representing him filed a motion asking he be evaluated to determine his mental competency to stand trial. A new hearing date will be scheduled once the evaluation is performed and the report becomes available.

CAUSE FROM 1A

According to Beaver Township Fire Chief Russ Osborne, EMS personnel responded to an initial report at 10:30 a.m. of a man who fell through the roof at the South Street facility.

He said they found bystanders and co-workers administering CPR to the unconscious victim, assumed the life-saving efforts and had the victim en route to St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Boardman within three minutes.

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REHM, AILENE (89)
Memorial Service: Today 1:30 p.m.
Ellsworth Presbyterian Church
Calling Hours: Today 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.
Ellsworth Presbyterian Church

HROVATIC, ALEX (19)
Arrangements Pending

KRYK, HELEN M. (87)
Arrangements Pending

MATTO, MARY ELLEN (65)
Arrangements Pending

LOTTERY FROM 1A

was he able to operate a business and become a lottery retailer without understanding English. Saleh laughed and stated he did not know what they were talking about or anything that was going on.

OLC officials removed the lottery terminals from the store the same day. The store has since been sold to a new owner.

Kilbane emphasized the majority of lottery operators are honest, and she reminded customers they can check tickets for themselves by using store scanners or going to the OLC website.

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OUR SIDE

If you can give, give for children

Events in Newtown, Conn., have reminded us in a brutal, horrifying way just how precious our children — all of them, whether related to us or not — are. The little ones are blessings to be cherished and nurtured.

Think about that during the next couple of days, please. Reflect, too, on the opportunity you have to make your compassion shine on children right here in our area.

Thousands of them don't get much at Christmas because their families simply can't afford to buy toys and new clothes. Regardless of why that is so, it has been a tradition of area residents for generations that children should not suffer from the misfortunes of adults.

So each year, dozens of charitable organizations, some created solely to help the little ones at Christmas time, collect money, toys, clothing and food to help needy children and their families. Each year, thousands of boys and girls are delighted on Christmas morning because of such campaigns.

And each year, it is a struggle to collect enough to meet the need. So it is this holiday season.

Most of the organizations with Christmas projects to help children are in the final days of their campaigns. With Dec. 25 less than a week away, time is short for them to organize delivery of the toys, clothes, food and other items they have collected.

There still is time to help, however. Some charities continue to accept donations. At this point, money to buy items not donated or to help defray costs of the Christmas initiatives would be accepted gratefully.

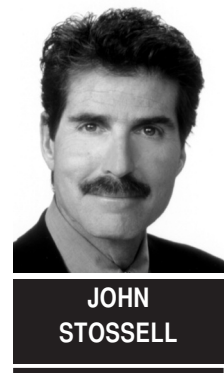
During the Christmas season, most of us work hard to make the holidays cheery and bright for those around us. Let us not be so preoccupied with that, so harried by the hustle and bustle of the holidays, that we forget to do what our hearts tell us is imperative at Christmas.

Please, if you have not made a donation to a charity helping children, do so — right now.



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JOHN STOSSELL

accomplished a lot. But I wish he'd convinced politicians to pledge not to increase spending.

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Balanced ...

But what's "balanced" about raising taxes after vast increases in spending? Trillions for war, Medicare, "stimulus" and solar panels. Tax receipts rose -- after tax-rate (*END* cuts -- from \$1.9 billion in 2003 to \$2.3 billion in 2008, the year the recession started. That increase couldn't keep up with the spending. The deficit doubled -- actually, more than doubled --

as politicians increased spending to nearly \$4 trillion! Our debt, at more than \$16 trillion, now exceeds our gross domestic product.

Ludicrous, irresponsible spending is why we're in trouble. As columnist Ron Hart points out, Bill Clinton's balanced budget spent \$1.7 trillion. "Adjusted for inflation," he writes, "our federal government would (have) a \$200 billion surplus. But instead of increasing government spending in line with normal inflation, under Bush and Obama we are spending \$3.8 trillion today. Democrats, who believe we have a 'revenue' problem instead of a 'spending' problem, must also think they have a bartender problem, not a drinking problem."

The media obsess about tax rates, but *spending* is more important. As Milton Friedman taught us, spending is a far more accurate gauge of the government burden. If government spends a dollar, that dollar is taxed away from someone. If it's borrowed, it's removed from productive use, setting the stage for higher taxes later. If the government prints more dollars to fund spending, our purchasing power falls. Transferring purchasing power from the people to the government via inflation is a

form of taxation.

If Republicans and Democrats reach a deal, the tax increases will be real -- but spending "cuts" probably illusions. If they actually happen, they will only be reductions in already planned increases. The Wall Street Journal notes that when the two parties talk about cutting spending by \$4 trillion over a decade, "those numbers have no real meaning because they are conjured in the wilderness of mirrors that is the federal budget process. Since 1974, Capitol Hill's 'baseline' has automatically increased spending every year according to Congressional Budget Office projections Tax and spending changes are then measured off that inflated baseline."

Given our growing debt, can't they even slow the growth of government to the rate of inflation? Or inflation plus 1 percent? Or even inflation plus 2 percent? That might balance the budget within a decade.

But the spenders won't even give me that. They want more. Always more.

Jonathan Bydlak, founder of the Coalition to Reduce Spending, has a good idea. "It's important to do for spending what Norquist has done for taxes: create a means for voters to hold elected officials accountable when they break campaign

promises of fiscal responsibility."

Bydlak has no time for any politician who pledges not to raise taxes without pledging to cut spending. He praises Doug Collins, representative-elect from Georgia, and Ted Cruz, senator-elect from Texas, for signing the Reject the Debt pledge and thereby promising voters they would:

"ONE, not vote for any budget that is not balanced nor for any appropriations bill that increases total spending;

"and TWO, consider all spending open for reduction, and not vote to authorize or fund new programs without offsetting cuts in other programs."

Well, sure. Good luck to him.

But people are reluctant to give up their favorite programs. Or any programs.

Let's not fool ourselves about how dependent politicians have made people on government.

To succeed, the crusade to cut spending needs an ideological understanding of how unsustainable our current course is, not just a narrow appeal to short-term self-interest. People will have to see the wisdom of giving up government benefits now -- in exchange for something more abstract: a future free society in which our children won't be burdened by debt and taxes.



Shhhhhh... just keep quiet for awhile



KATHLEEN PARKER

respect for the living and the dead, we simply keep quiet, at least for a while.

But America isn't much comfortable with silence or vacancy. We are all about the talk. We love our talk radio and our talk TV. We thrive on talking points and talk therapy. Talking things through is a religious ritual in the post-Oprah world.

I understand the impulse, of course. Hostage to my own revulsion, I write about the very things I rail against. Like so many, I can't seem to land anywhere else. The "fiscal cliff," the new African-American senator from South Carolina, new Cabinet picks -- all are important, but suddenly seem trivial.

And so we ramble and sputter and repeat ourselves trying to find words that will make it possible to put this awful thing to rest.

Uneasily, we circle a too-familiar narrative. We've seen this movie before and know the characters well: The cops who speak in the terse, dispassionate language of the clinical investigator. The psychologists who burble banalities: Hug your children a little tighter and tell them you love them. The broadcast media who, forced to fill time and space by some edict from the ratings czars, babble inanities about tragedy, punctuated with corrections of misinformation uttered in previous time-filling excavations.

Meanwhile the scavengers of doom convene -- volunteer prophets, prayer leaders and profiteers declaiming the evils of guns or violent games -- or finding some way to insert themselves into the drama. Strangest of these was the mother who got herself on TV by proclaiming on her blog: "I am Adam Lanza's mother."

Liza Long, who has blogged about her life as an

often-despairing mother, explained that her 13-year-old son, "Michael," is mentally ill and likely to become the next mass murderer.

Regardless of how daunting it must be to fear your son might be headed for serious trouble, Michael surely won't be helped by seeing his mother telling the world about it. Nevertheless, Long was heralded by many as a heroine for finally launching the Long Overdue Honest Conversation about Mental Health in America. This, in the talking-est, confessing-est, sharing-est nation in the history of mankind.

Perhaps Long has reached a breaking point and is terrified, as she insists. But her foray into the public square, injecting her own child into the conversation as other parents are reeling from devastating loss, feels like stagecraft born of narcissism rather than maternal concern.

Of course Long wouldn't have been more than a viral blip had the media not engaged her to -- God help us -- share her story. She was the "get" of the day -- a blogospheric phenomenon that captured the zeitgeist. Why, everyone was tweeting about her!

In the midst of all this madness were the legions of parents who wisely turned off the television and tossed the newspapers, who averted their gazes and protected their children from the photographs of those other little ones. I've spoken to dozens of such parents who uniformly say, "It's too much. I can't bear it."

Instead, they bundle up their children and place their faith in the abundance of goodness that usually surrounds them, sending them on their way. In time the talk will turn back to the cliff, the senator and the Cabinet, even as we resign ourselves to the inevitability of the next tragedy.

This is because we know that though laws and policies can make small differences in the total tallies of the dead, the only thing that can displace evil is, as President Obama put it, love. Even this word sounds trite because we have trivialized it, substituting sentiment for meaning with our confections and paper cutouts.

Love is not just a valentine. It is a covenant with the greater good. It involves charity, compassion, empathy, self-sacrifice and, yes, listening. I don't have any final words of wisdom, but do submit that the more yakking we do, the less likely we are to find the clarity we seek.

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OTHER VOICES

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Los Angeles Times on
U.S. Senate filibuster reform:

Nothing exposes partisan hypocrisy quite like the filibuster, that irksome parliamentary rule that allows a minority of U.S. senators to block legislation, judicial appointments and other business by requiring a 60-vote majority to proceed to a vote. Almost invariably, the party in power considers the filibuster to be an enemy of progress that must be squashed, while the minority fights to preserve it at all cost. That the same players often find themselves arguing from opposite sides depending on whether they control the Senate or are in the minority hardly seems to trouble most lawmakers.

So comes now Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-Nev.) with a campaign to alter the filibuster rule using the so-called nuclear option, which if invoked on the opening day of the new legislative session would allow senators to change the rules by majority vote. Republicans are appalled that he would consider such a ploy, even though they floated the same

proposal when they held the majority in 2005. Back then, reform was blocked when a Gang of 14 senators led negotiations that kept the filibuster largely intact, and top Senate Republicans are reportedly reaching out to their Democratic counterparts in an effort to repeat that "success." We hope they fail.

For the record, we were rooting for the Republicans to go nuclear in 2005, and we feel the same way with Democrats in control. This is not a venerable rule created by the Founding Fathers to protect against the tyranny of the majority, but a procedural nicety that has been altered many times throughout history. In its current incarnation, it goes much too far and has produced gridlock in Congress. ...

Even many Democrats realize that someday they'll be in the minority, and fret that a future Republican-dominated chamber will use Reid's precedent to put even stricter limits on filibusters. But that's no reason not to approve Reid's proposal. If some future Senate majority wants to go thermonuclear, that's a debate for another day.

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Fiscal cliff: It's the government spending, stupid!

West Branch security measures explained

By KEVIN HOWELL
Staff Writer

BELOIT— West Branch Local Schools Superintendent Dr. Scott Weingart reported to the school board Thursday night on the district’s safety plans and protocols.

In light of last week’s shooting at a Connecticut elementary school, Weingart assured the public that the district has a comprehensive safety plan for each school that is reviewed considerably and regularly by a standing safety committee consisting of local law enforcement and safety service personnel.

“It’s all about training, it’s all about personnel,” Weingart said, noting that in addition to fire and natural disaster drills, students and staff regularly practice lockdown situations.

Weingart also explained that the district is fortunate to have buildings that were designed with safety in mind. All four of the district’s buildings have security cameras and a buzzer system at the front door to allow visitors, he said. The district also has a school resource officer available for emergencies and support from the local ministerial association for counseling.

“At times like these, though, we always try to be as normal as possible...but continue to be on the look out at all times,” he said.

In other news, the board hired for the 2012-13 school year Chris Earl as a casual employee in the technology department; Pam Miller as a ticket taker; and Heidi Wilhelm and John Rasile as certificated substitutes.

The board also accepted donations of \$100 to SADD from the Damascus Methodist Women and \$30 to the McVicker Memorial Scholarship from community donations; and approved the high school band to travel to Norfolk, Va., April 26 through 28.

The organizational meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. Jan. 10 in the high school Library.

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Columbiana council members back time limit on site plans

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COLUMBIANA – City Council members weighed in on a planning commission suggestion that site plans have term limits. Mayor David Spatholt, who serves on the commission, brought the matter before council Tuesday night.

He explained the commission was considering term limits because there have been cases where a site plan was approved for a property, but the plan never materialized.

Council members and City Manager Keith Chamberlin recalled instances in which a property was targeted for a specific purpose but never moved forward.

Chamberlin said a term limit would be beneficial because it would allow someone else to use a property if the original plan falls through.

“If a deal falls through with a landlord, you don’t want to keep somebody else from stepping up to the plate,” he said.

Planning Commission member Ron LaLonde had suggested the term limit be set at six months, but Councilman James King felt that wasn’t long enough since some plans can be delayed as a result of weather.

LaLonde made the suggestion because without a term limit, a property can be sitting vacant “forever.”

Dick Simpson, who previously served on the commission, told council that in the past the commission would call a property owner after one year if nothing had been done and request an update.

“That worked well. That’s a simple way to handle it,” he said.

Municipal Attorney Daniel Blasdel, in response to council’s request for his suggestion, said that was a “reasonable way to handle it.”

Council members were in agreement that one year seemed fair, although no action was taken on the matter.

Council then approved a second reading of the following:

- Making temporary appropriations for the first three months of 2013.
- Establishing dates of regularly scheduled meetings for 2013.
- Establishing the wage scheduled for certain full-time and part-time city employees and rates of pay for part-time Firestone Pool employees.

In new business, council approved appointing King and Councilman Tom Ferguson to the volunteer firefighters’ dependents fund board and requests from Crystal Siembida-Boggs for three benefit races next year, which are the Visions for Veterans 5K race on May 17, the Twas the Night Before 5K race on Dec. 14, and the new Halloween half-marathon on Oct. 27. Proceeds from the half-marathon will be donated to the city police department.

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Alabama woman, 77, sleeps through tornado ripping off roof

MOBILE, Ala. (AP) — An Alabama woman said Friday she fell asleep on the couch and didn’t realize a tornado had ripped off part of her roof and damaged most of the home until firefighters and neighbors came to check on her.

Betty Russell, who will turn 77 on Dec. 26, said she slept through the violent storm Thursday night after she dozed off on the sofa watching TV. She was woken by sirens from rescuers in the area afterward.

“I didn’t know I was that heavy a sleeper,” she said. “It had caved in the south side of my house and honestly I didn’t hear it. I cannot believe I didn’t hear it but I didn’t.”

Russell walked through her debris-strewn house and looked at the hole in the ceiling of her bedroom, where she usually sleeps.

“There is a huge hole right where her bed is,” her grandson, Scott Russell, 13, said. “She usually goes to sleep in that bedroom, but for some reason she didn’t do it this time and she was saved.”

Betty Russell believes angels helped keep her safe. She collects small statues of angels and has them displayed on bookshelves, tables and glass cases throughout the home where she has lived since 1962. Russell said her two most important angels are her husband and son, who died at different times both within weeks of Christmas.

“I love angels and I was just in Rome last month in November and I just enjoyed the basilicas and other places we toured with paintings and statues of little chubby angels,” she said. “Personally, I feel like I have two angels, my son and my husband, so feel like I was looked after.”

She doesn’t know when she will start repairs to her roof, bedroom and the outside of her home. She plans to go ahead and spend Christmas with family in Colorado, something she was looking forward to before the storm.

In the meantime, she is counting her blessing that she wasn’t harmed. “I am so thankful to God,” she said.

Assembly ends 2-year session peppered with misbehavior

COLUMBUS (AP) — Four-term Dayton Democrat Clayton Luckie’s refusal to resign his seat in the Ohio House while awaiting trial on 49 counts of theft, corruption and money laundering stirred the ire of Republicans.

But Luckie wasn’t the only state lawmaker who’s had a run-in with authorities during this two-year General Assembly, one of the most misbehaving broods in recent years. Some resign, some don’t.

Former Democratic Rep. W. Carlton Weddington resigned and surrendered to authorities in March after being indicted on charges of bribery, election falsification and filing a false financial disclosure statement. He’s now serving three years in prison.

Authorities involved in the ongoing federal investigation said Weddington took trips and cash in exchange for taking steps to introduce legislation. He is believed to be the first state lawmaker in a century convicted of bribery.

Luckie’s subsequent indictment made the session historic, said Ohio Legislative Inspector General Tony Bledsoe. The Legislature’s chief watchdog said it’s rare to have one lawmaker indicted in a session, let alone two.

“You’d have to go back to 1998 to find the last legislator who was charged with a felony,” Bledsoe said. That was the year state Sen. Jeff Johnson, a Cleveland Democrat, was convicted on federal corruption charges.

Johnson fought to keep his seat until the end of his term, aware that if he didn’t resign, his legislative colleagues would have to impeach him to get him out.

Franklin County Prosecutor Ron O’Brien said Friday that he’s asked Bledsoe for additional information on Senate Finance Chairman Chris Widener’s decision to champion a 2009 budget amendment that benefited a hometown agricultural nonprofit the senator co-founded and financially backed. He said no wrongdoing is implied by the inquiry.

Widener said in a statement he had “proactively contacted” Bledsoe and provided the facts surrounding his service on the board. “I plan to provide any additional information needed,” Widener said.

Ohio Republican Party spokesman Matt Henderson said party leaders can, and should, play a role in forcing bad actors from office when the circumstances demand it.

“There are actions that the party leadership could take to remove someone: for example, Clayton Luckie,” he said. “They could take away his furniture; they can force him to resign. They can do that.”

After revelations that then-state Rep. Robert Mecklenborg, a Republican from Green Township, didn’t tell House Speaker William Batchelder about an out-of-state drunken driving arrest — and the odd circumstances that surrounded it — his days at the Statehouse were numbered.

Records of the arrest showed Mecklenborg failed field sobriety tests and tested above the legal blood-alcohol limit. Married with three children, he was arrested in the wee hours of the night with a young woman in the car who was not his wife.

Mecklenborg resigned under pressure from the party in August 2011.

Two other Republican lawmakers who had brushes with law enforcement this session defended themselves against calls for resignation.

First-term state Sen. Kris Jordan weathered a shower of criticism after his wife called 911 in July 2011 amid a domestic dispute. She told a deputy in a taped interview that, drinking or not,

her husband had a pattern of getting angry, throwing things and sometimes “pushing me around.”

In a letter to the editor of the Mansfield News Journal last summer, resident Jennifer Armstrong of Columbus urged Jordan’s constituents to demand his resignation.

“His behavior is an embarrassment to our great state, as well as to all men who behave in a manner befitting the title ‘husband,’” she wrote. “We do not need bullies as public officials.”

Melissa Jordan ultimately declined to pursue criminal charges and the senator pursued a complaint against the sheriff’s office alleging they mishandled her call. The sheriff was cleared.

State Rep. Jerrod Martin, a Beaver-creek Republican, ignored calls from then-GOP Chairman Kevin DeWine to step down after he was charged with drunken driving and child endangerment in a July 2011 traffic stop with three nephews in his pickup.

His attorney, Charles Rowland, said they argued successfully for the state’s evidence to be suppressed and the case was dismissed. Martin paid a fine of \$253 for driving left of center.

He took the unusual tack of using the experience in a campaign mailer this spring, which featured a screenshot of video taken by the police cruiser and this message: “Driving home from a day at work on the family farm ... State Rep. Martin was falsely accused and he fought back ... Wouldn’t you like to know your state rep has the courage to fight for you?”

He lost the election.

Luckie’s current term ends Dec. 31. His lawyer has said that he didn’t resign because he was fighting the charges and that his critics should presume him innocent until proved guilty. His trial is set for Jan. 22.

Ohio insurance plan to help children with autism

TOLEDO (AP) — Ohio is joining 32 other states that require health insurance plans to cover therapy and treatment for children with autism.

The change comes as the number of children diagnosed with autism continues to grow and after unsuccessful attempts to increase help for families in Ohio.

Gov. John Kasich pushed for the plan announced Friday after state lawmakers weren’t able to agree on a similar proposal over the last months.

“We’re doing the right thing,” said Kasich, who said mandating the coverage is a lifeline for parents.

Parents will be able to get coverage beginning in 2014 through health insurance sold in the private market and in the upcoming federal health insurance exchange along with the state employee health insurance plan, state health officials said.

While the requirement will extend into private coverage, self-insured and large group insurers are not included, officials said.

Most private carriers currently don’t offer coverage for children with autism, said John Martin, director of Ohio’s Department of Developmental Disabilities. Insurers will be forced to pay for assessments, treatment plans, speech and occupational therapy and treatment aimed at improving communication and social skills.

The number of visits and hours will be limited to keep costs down so that health care costs don’t spike.

That was a concern of business groups.

The Ohio Chamber of Commerce said Friday that Kasich’s decision will increase health care costs for small businesses.

“Their options for controlling these costs are limited, and today’s decision jeopardizes the health benefits many families count on,” said Keith Lake, a lobbyist for the chamber.

Health experts say that one out of 88 children has autism, which usually shows up in early childhood. It restricts a person’s ability to communicate and interact with others. There is no cure for autism, but early treatment can make a big difference.

“With early intervention, kids with autism do better at school, find employment, and become more independent, connected adults,” Kasich said in a statement.

Several states, including Michigan, have approved changes mandating autism coverage within the past year.

Advocacy groups and health organizations were thrilled that Ohio has joined the other states.

“Thousands of Ohio children will have access to services to help them learn, and keep or improve skills and functional abilities that they may not be otherwise developing,” said John Stacy, executive director of the Autism Society of Ohio.

POLICE LISBON

— Huntington Bank officials called Friday, requesting an officer at the bank for a dispute with a customer.

— A West Lincoln Way resident reported his wife had had a medical procedure and fainted. Officers stood by until KLG ambulance arrived.

— A caller reported seeing a flashlight inside the doctor’s office on Maple Street. The building was secure.

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BUSINESS HIGHLIGHTS

Signs suggest better economy if ‘cliff’ deal reached to avert fiscal ‘cliff’

WASHINGTON (AP) — Fresh signs of a strengthening U.S. economy on Friday suggested that if Congress and the White House can avert the “fiscal cliff,” the economic recovery might finally accelerate in 2013.

Consumers spent and earned more in November. And for a second straight month, U.S. companies increased their orders for a category of manufactured goods that reflects investment plans.

In light of the latest figures, some analysts said the economy could end up growing faster in the current October-December quarter — and next year — than they previously thought.

Stocks sink after GOP cancels budget vote

NEW YORK (AP) — Investors sent Washington a reminder Friday that Wall Street is a power player in talks to avoid the “fiscal cliff.”

Stocks fell sharply after House Republicans called off a vote on tax rates and left federal budget talks in disarray 10 days before sweeping tax increases and government spending cuts are scheduled to take effect.

The Dow Jones industrial average lost as much as 189 points before closing down 120.88 points, or 0.9 percent, at 13,190.84.

It’s all-hands-on-deck for final retail push

FREEMPORT, Maine (AP) — With the final retail push under way, L.L. Bean CEO Chris McCormick is playing Santa’s helper against a backdrop of conveyor belts and beeping front-end loaders as he boxes up slippers and shirts. But there’s little time to reflect on the holiday cheer those gifts will bring because he’s busy concentrating to make sure no shipments go astray.

At L.L. Bean, top executives are abandoning their desks to work in the shipping department and to answer customers’ phone calls as part of an annual all-hands-on-deck approach to ensure last-minute purchases arrive at their destinations before Christmas.

This season the deadline for orders with guaranteed Christmas delivery was the latest ever, with L.L. Bean offering free shipping as late as noon Friday.

Big Pharma cashes in on HGH abuse

A federal crackdown on illicit foreign supplies of human growth hormone has failed to stop rampant misuse, and instead has driven record sales of the drug by some of the world’s biggest pharmaceutical companies, an Associated Press investigation shows.

The crackdown, which began in 2006, reduced the illegal flow of unregulated supplies from China, India and Mexico.

But since then, Big Pharma has been satisfying the needs of U.S. users and abusers, including many who take the drug in the false hope of delaying the effects of aging.

From 2005 to 2011, inflation-adjusted sales of HGH were up 69 percent, according to an AP analysis of pharmaceutical company data collected by the research firm IMS Health. Sales of the average prescription drug rose just 12 percent in the same period.

GE to buy aviation unit of Italy’s Avio

FAIRFIELD, Conn. (AP) — Industrial conglomerate General Electric plans to buy the aviation business of Italian

manufacturer Avio for \$4.3 billion to grow its jet propulsion business and strengthen its supply chain.

The Fairfield, Conn., company said Friday that it wants to build its supply chain as it ramps up engine production. The deal also gives GE a chance to offer Avio products outside the aviation industry, in power generation, oil and marine products.

GE will buy Avio S.p.A.’s aviation business from European private equity firm Cinven and the Italian aerospace group Finmeccanica.

Walgreen’s fiscal IQ profit sinks 26%

Walgreen’s fiscal first-quarter earnings sank nearly 26 percent as costs tied to a couple of big deals and Superstorm Sandy helped put a bigger-than-expected dent in the drug-store chain’s performance.

CEO Greg Wasson told analysts he saw the quarter as a “turning point” for the Deerfield, Ill., company, which has been working to recapture customers it lost during a contract dispute with Express Scripts Holding Co. But investors didn’t buy that message, at least initially, as the stock fell deeper than broader market declines in Friday trading.

Walgreen Co. spent \$4 billion in cash earlier this year to buy a stake in Alliance Boots, a Swiss company that runs the largest drugstore chain in the United Kingdom. It also spent \$438 million on a drugstore chain focused on the mid-South under the USA Drug, Super D Drug and Med-X names.

Planned News Corp spin-off lost \$2B

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Rupert Murdoch’s News Corp. said Friday that the news and publishing unit it plans to spin off next year posted a \$2 billion net loss in the fiscal year through June, mainly due to one-time charges and restructuring costs in its newspaper division.

The details of the split were revealed Friday in a filing to the Securities and Exchange Commission. It confirmed investors’ suspicions that the spun-off company — to be known as News Corp. — will be smaller and less profitable than the TV and movie business that will form Fox Group Inc.

The “new” News Corp. posted \$8.7 billion in revenue last fiscal year, about a quarter of the company’s total. Charges amounted to \$2.8 billion, mainly due to declines in the value of newspapers and a drop in advertising at its in-store flyer business. The charges included restructuring costs of \$156 million, most of which came from shutting down The News of the World, the tabloid at the heart of a phone hacking scandal in Britain.

Hostess expects to split up snack cakes

NEW YORK (AP) — Twinkies, Wonder Bread and Devil Dogs are likely to return to shelves in coming months, but probably not under the same owners.

Hostess Brands Inc. said in bankruptcy court Friday that it’s narrowing down the bids it received for its brands and expects to sell off its snack cakes and bread to separate buyers. The testimony came from an investment banker for Hostess, which is in the process of liquidating.

A likely suitor has emerged for the namesake Hostess brand, which includes Twinkies, Ding Dongs and Ho Hos, along with Dolly Madison cakes, which includes Coffee Cakes and Zingers, said Joshua Scherer of Perella Weinberg Partners. He said another viable bid was made for Drake’s cakes, which includes Devil Dogs, Funny Bones and Yodels. That bidder also wants to buy the Drake’s plant in Wayne, N.J., which Scherer said is the country’s only kosher bakery plant.

Deal reached to reopen NM peanut butter plant

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — A troubled New Mexico peanut butter plant that had its licensed yanked after being linked to a widespread salmonella outbreak reached a deal Friday to resume some operations the day after Christmas under the watchful eye of federal regulators.

A consent decree filed in federal court says Sunland Inc., the nation’s largest organic peanut butter producer, can reopen if it hires an independent expert to develop a sanitation plan, which then must be approved by the Food and Drug Administration.

Conditions at the plant prompted the FDA in November to for the first time use new authority to revoke the company’s operating certificate without a court hearing. The action came after the plant was linked to a salmonella outbreak that sickened 42 people in 20 states this fall.

Friday’s filing reinstates Sunland’s food facility registration. But the company cannot process or distribute food from its peanut butter or peanut mill plants in Portales until it has complied with the consent decree’s requirements and receives written authorization from the FDA.

“This consent decree prohibits Sunland from selling processed foods to consumers until it fully complies with the law,” Stuart F. Delery, principal deputy assistant attorney general for the Justice Department’s Civil Division said in a statement. “As this case demonstrates, the Department of Justice and FDA will work together to protect the health and safety of Americans by making sure that those who produce and sell the food we eat follow the law.”

Sunland said the agreement came after it “provided additional information to FDA to demonstrate that recommended actions have been taken and required corrective actions are being implemented.” Sunland spokeswoman Katalin Coburn said that after the decree was filed, the FDA gave the plant permission to reopen its peanut processing facility while it works on the plan for reopening the peanut butter plant. She said work will resume the day after Christmas.

The Sunland plant was shuttered and hundreds of its products recalled in September and October after the salmonella outbreak was linked to Trader Joe’s Valencia peanut butter manufactured at Sunland.

The recall and plant shuttering came as the region was finishing a bumper harvest of the prized Valencia peanuts grown almost exclusively in the region. Because of their sweet flavor, they are favored for organic and natural peanut butter products because they require few additives.

Sunland produces products for a number of national grocery and retail chains, and New Mexico Peanut Growers Association President Wayne Baker says the industry generates about \$60 million in the region each year.

The FDA took the unusual step in November of revoking the facilities registration just as the plant was hoping to reopen its processing plant to begin work on the millions of pounds of Valencia peanuts piled up in barns after this year’s harvest. The action was denounced as unfair and unnecessarily heavy-handed by many in the conservative farm town of Portales, where Sunland is the largest private employer. At the end of November, the plant had laid off about 30 percent of its 150 workers.

The FDA said inspectors found samples of salmonella in 28 different locations in the plant, in 13 nut butter samples and in one sample of raw peanuts.

YOUR STOCKS

Name	Last	Chg	DirectTV	50.27	-1.03	KindtMorg	35.34	-1.3	RschMoln	10.91	-3.21	
A-B-C-D			DynFutB	120.26	-3.83	Kinnross g	9.38	-0.2	RiteAid	1.23	+0.2	
AES Corp	10.90	-12	DirSCBear	136.4	-19	KnghtCap	3.53	-0.5	RiteBedT	19.74	-1.3	
AK Steel	4.43	-12	DirDigiB	15.12	+0.6	KodakG	9.00	-22	SBA Com	70.90	+8.2	
AT&T Inc	33.67	-50	DirSCBull	63.74	-77	KraftFG	n	45.53	-90	SPdrDIA	131.79	-9.9
AtlLab	66.05	+50	Discover	38.50	+09	Kroger	26.30	-33	SPdJG	160.33	+6.0	
Accuture	67.42	-1.60	DiscComA	35.55	-14	LKQ Cp s	21.31	-07	SP Mid	186.49	-7.4	
ActivBliz	10.65	-13	DishNetwk	33.15	-18	LSI Corp	7.00	-03	S&P500ETF	142.79	-1.31	
AdobeSys	37.71	-16	Disney	50.00	-39	LamResrch	36.24	-35	SPdRahyH	40.88	-0.9	
AMD	2.59	+18	DollarGen	43.63	-34	LVSand	46.28	-84	SPdRellHy	26.45	-33	
Aetna	46.63	-36	DonlleyFR	9.10	-32	Lennara	38.46	-83	SPdRell	62.28	-57	
Agilent	41.05	-31	DowChm	31.99	-50	LexRltyTr	10.17	-03	SPdOGEx	55.07	-4.1	
Agnico g	51.01	+17	DuPont	44.93	-40	LilyElci	49.55	-30	SPX Cp	65.79	+7.0	
AlcatelLuc	1.38	-06	DukeEn rs	64.51	-54	LiteTech	50.56	-77	SPdRell	62.28	-57	
Alcoa	8.57	-13	DukeRlty	13.92	-04	LillyEl	49.55	-30	SPdRell	62.28	-57	
AliscriptH	9.12	-02	Dynavac	2.84	...	LodkHm	93.13	+63	Sandisk	43.42	+0.9	
Allstate	40.31	-81	E-F-G-H			LoachP	18.90	+23	SandRdge	6.26	+0.7	
AlphaNrns	9.28	-23	E-Trade	8.83	-06	Lowes	35.04	-34	Schmbro	69.69	-1.1	
AljAerMLP	16.04	-09	eBay	51.35	-79	LyonsBas	55.14	-42	Schwab	14.32	-1.4	
AlteraCp If	9.50	-24	EMC Cp	26.62	-29	M-N-O-P			SeabGld	17.73	+3.2	
Altira	31.85	-37	EastChem	60.00	-65	MEMC	3.24	-14	SeagateI	30.46	+0.8	
Amarin	7.96	-28	Eaton	53.84	-82	MGIC	2.34	-06	SiderulSc	5.49	-31	
Amazon	256.92	-4.58	EatonArts	13.89	-05	MGM Rsts	1.18	-15	SivWhn g	34.49	-40	
Ameren	31.05	-12	EmersonEn	53.01	-24	Matco	37.51	-40	SinusXm	2.95	-05	
Amerigrp	91.70	-17	EnrCanCa	6.20	-15	MagHrs	4.10	-03	SmthlWes	20.08	-3.2	
AMOVIL	23.15	-04	EnrCanCa	6.20	-15	MagHrs	4.10	-03	SPdRell	62.28	-57	
AmStar	31.15	-52	EnrGross	10.06	-01	MarathPnt	62.14	-12	Sonoma	16.47	-0.1	
AEP	43.45	-15	Exelon	29.88	-07	MktVJrGd	45.18	+11	SouthCo	43.32	-19	
AmExp	37.65	+25	ExpoScrips	54.22	-42	MktVrJrGd	29.55	-42	SwaIR	10.46	-18	
AmintGrp	34.74	-79	ExxonMbl	52.22	-16	MktVrJrGd	20.29	-08	SwenRtgy	30.45	+0.6	
AmCasino	26.50	+4.43	Facebook n	26.26	-10	Marshm	35.03	-23	SPdRell	62.28	-57	
Amgen	87.16	-12	Fastenal	46.08	+10.6	MarvettI	8.34	-11	SprntNrc	2.76	-28	
AnaigDrg	42.19	-16	FirstThrd	15.12	-02	Masco	16.27	-38	SprntNrc	2.76	-28	
Annaly	14.76	-01	SPdFars	30.92	-02	Mastec	24.55	+0.1	SPdRell	62.28	-57	
Apache	80.00	+0.3	FetSol	19.32	-13.3	Maximlntg	29.42	-13	SP HlthC	37.00	-33	
ApolloGr	20.77	-03	FirstEnergy	41.61	-07	McDnls	90.18	+14	SP CnSt	35.77	-40	
ApolloHr	8.45	-02	Flectrx	6.24	-08	McEwernM	3.75	-07	SP Consum	42.12	-32	
Apco Inc	519.33	-2.40	ForM	11.86	+0.9	Medtrc	42.02	-66	SPDR Fnd	16.20	-24	
ArceclMatl	17.00	-52	ForM n	2.85	+0.3	MelcoCrwn	16.40	-38	SPDR Fnd	16.20	-24	
ArchCoal	7.31	-23	FrontierC	6.94	-20	Merck	11.45	-01	SPDR Fnd	16.20	-24	
ArchDn	27.78	-25	FrontierC	6.94	-20	Merk	11.45	-01	SPDR Fnd	16.20	-24	
ArenaPm	8.63	-39	FrontierC	6.94	-20	Merk	11.45	-01	SPDR Fnd	16.20	-24	
ArmourRsd	8.58	-03	Gap	31.07	-38	MkroPCS	9.91	-07	SPdPac	7.15	-14	
ArrayBio	3.53	-03	GenDev	67.46	-8.14	MicroT	6.32	-47	Staples	11.53	-22	
AstoriaF	9.40	-32	GenElec	20.88	-17	Microsoft	27.45	-23	Starbucks	53.60	-61	
Atmel	6.23	+01	GenMills	41.30	-07	Molycorp	9.56	-25	StateStr	46.41	-14	
AutoRico g	7.85	+03	GenMotors	27.12	-02	Mondelez	28.75	-31	Suntech	1.13	-08	
AutoData	5.58	-79	GenRad	8.72	-21	Mondelz	28.75	-31	Sunval	2.84	+0.2	
Avon	14.29	-40	GileadSci	72.78	-88	MurphO	60.39	-10.5	Symantec	18.54	-10	
BB&T Cp	29.45	-19	GoldFid	11.88	+10	NPS Hldg	7.42	-07	Synovus	2.44	-08	
BaKlu	40.66	-54	GoldPdr g	35.20	-55	NPI Pdm	9.10	+04	TJX S	31.96	-43	
BocBrad pf	17.69	-03	GoldStr g	1.52	-14	NRGE Egr	22.87	-32	TaiWesmi	16.95	-15	
BocSantSA	8.02	+01	GoldSms	128.44	-1.28	NYSE Euy	32.25	...	TakeTwo	11.35	-34	
BocSantSA	8.02	+01	GreenMTC	41.11	-14	Novi	48.33	-21	Target	39.67	-03	
BioAm	11.29	-23	GreenMTC	41.11	-14	NOIVarco	33.82	-12.1	Teladite	3.46	-08	
BioAm	11.29	-23	GreenCo	16.14	-2.02	NATP	14.39	-33	VerpPhrm	59.90	-07	
BarrPVtr rs	32.54	+2.08	Group Inc	4.82	+0.3	NwGold g	10.51	-10	Xenit	30.30	-13	
BarrickG	33.38	-26	HCP Inc	44.78	-22	NY CmtyB	13.15	-09	3M	93.13	-10.3	
Baxter	67.25	-55	HalconFR	3.91	-02	NewellRt	21.82	-09	TiocoSt	22.56	+1.62	
Bechtel	55.72	-64	Hallibur	31.71	-42	NewellM	44.58	+48	TimeWarr	47.37	-69	
BechtelB	89.83	-86	HeciaM	5.66	+0.3	NewscsPA	24.95	-47	TitanMet	16.47	-01	
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BlockHR	18.64	-31	HartfFD	22.24	-64	NISSure	24.97	-05	Trans	72.82	-10	
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Broadcom	33.18	-29	HeciaM	5.66	+0.3	NovaGld g	4.47	+17	Tylosn	29.38	-10	
BrodeCom	5.39	-09	Hemisphrx	27.28	-0.8	NuSkin	34.51	-4.4	U-W-X-Y-Z			
CA Inc	22.19	-45	Hemiphrx	27.28	-0.8 <td>Nvidia</td> <td>12.35</td> <td>-29<td>UDR</td><td>23.32</td><td>+2.2</td></td>	Nvidia	12.35	-29 <td>UDR</td> <td>23.32</td> <td>+2.2</td>	UDR	23.32	+2.2	
CapOne	58.89	-26	HercoHf	6.06	-04	OccPnt	78.14	-88 <td>US Airny</td> <td>13.44</td> <td>-10</td>	US Airny	13.44	-10	
CapSncr	7.44	-07	Hess	53.39	-07 <td>OccidPpt</td> <td>3.47</td> <td>+09<td>UDrContl</td><td>24.19</td><td>+0.8</td></td>	OccidPpt	3.47	+09 <td>UDrContl</td> <td>24.19</td> <td>+0.8</td>	UDrContl	24.19	+0.8	
CapstrTrH	9.1	-05	HewlettP	14.34	-09 <td>OnSmcnd</td> <td>6.84</td> <td>-11<td>UDrMicro</td><td>1.99</td><td>-02</td></td>	OnSmcnd	6.84	-11 <td>UDrMicro</td> <td>1.99</td> <td>-02</td>	UDrMicro	1.99	-02	
Carnival	37.42	-03	HollyFron	47.09	-29 <td>ONEOK s</td> <td>43.41</td> <td>-44<td>UPB S</td><td>74.84</td><td>-29</td></td>	ONEOK s	43.41	-44 <td>UPB S</td> <td>74.84</td> <td>-29</td>	UPB S	74.84	-29	
Cattaram s	48.09	+65	HorneDp	61.32	-65 <td>Oracle</td> <td>33.36</td> <td>-18<td>UDrRentals</td><td>44.48</td><td>-33</td></td>	Oracle	33.36	-18 <td>UDrRentals</td> <td>44.48</td> <td>-33</td>	UDrRentals	44.48	-33	
CitizRfrs	87.30	-16	Hornwlll	64.21	-08 <td>Oreagen</td> <td>5.36</td> <td>-14<td>US Bancor</td><td>32.80</td><td>-04</td></td>	Oreagen	5.36	-14 <td>US Bancor</td> <td>32.80</td> <td>-04</td>	US Bancor	32.80	-04	
Celgene	79.70	-32	HovaneT	7.00	-06 <td>Orax</td> <td>5.36</td> <td>-14<td>US NGs rs</td><td>19.57</td><td>-03</td></td>	Orax	5.36	-14 <td>US NGs rs</td> <td>19.57</td> <td>-03</td>	US NGs rs	19.57	-03	
Cemex	9.76	-21	HuSCTrH	8.16	-11 <th>PNC</th> <th>58.31</th> <th>-86</th> <th>US SdF</th> <th>3.26</th> <th>-37</th>	PNC	58.31	-86	US SdF	3.26	-37	
Centim pf s	12.87	-54	HuSCTrH	8.16	-11 <th>PPL Corp</th> <th>28.92</th> <th>-19</th> <th>US Tech</th> <th>52.53</th> <th>-43</th>	PPL Corp	28.92	-19	US Tech	52.53	-43	
CenterPnt	19.46	-21	HuBnscrh	6.37	-02 <th>PVR Pfrs</th> <th>25.99</th> <th>+11</th> <th>UDrHtch</th> <th>85.04</th> <th>-63</th>	PVR Pfrs	25.99	+11	UDrHtch	85.04	-63	
CheniereEn	39.29	-46	I-J-K-L			PanaSvl	18.17	+20	UDrHtchG	85.04	-63	
ChenierLink	18.01	-19	IAMGld g	11.21	+18 <th>Pandora</th> <th>8.97</th> <th>+04</th> <th>Vale SA</th> <th>20.10</th> <th>-36</th>	Pandora	8.97	+04	Vale SA	20.10	-36	
ChesEng	17.32	-26	ISGold	16.09	+04 <th>Paychex</th> <th>31.40</th> <th>-99</th> <th>Vale SA pf</th> <th>19.39</th> <td>-42</td>	Paychex	31.40	-99	Vale SA pf	19.39	-42	
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Chico	18.66	-33	ISShapn	9.57	-06 <th>Penney</th>	Penney	19.59	-50 <th>ValerEO</th> <th>34.14</th> <td>-24</td>	ValerEO	34.14	-24	
Chimera	2.64	-01	ISTaiwn	13.15	-16 <th>PeopUDr</th>	PeopUDr	12.14	-20 <th>VlyNBop</th> <th>9.46</th>	VlyNBop	9.46	-05	
CienaCorp	15.88	+0.3	ISVShr	29.00	+00	PepsiCo	69.63	-48 <th>VangTSM</th> <th>74.33</th> <td>-63</td>	VangTSM	74.33	-63	
CincoBell	5.42	-02	ISChnSP500	34.24	-51 <th>PetbrsA</th>	PetbrsA	19.80	-62 <th>VangTSM</th> <th>74.33</th> <td>-63</td>	VangTSM	74.33	-63	
Cisco	19.96	-28	ISChnSP500	34.24	-51 <th>PetbrsA</th>	PetbrsA	19.80	-62 <th>VangTSM</th> <th>74.33</th> <td>-63</td>	VangTSM	74.33	-63	
Citigroup	39.49	-68	ISChnSP500	34.24	-51 <th>PetbrsA</th>	PetbrsA	19.80	-62 <th>VangTSM</th> <th>74.33</th> <td>-63</td>	VangTSM	74.33	-63	
Clearewire	2.88	+0.3	ISChnSP500	34.24	-51 <th>PetbrsA</th>	PetbrsA	19.80	-62 <th>VangTSM</th> <th>74.33</th> <td>-63</td>	VangTSM	74.33	-63	
Colgate	32.67	-10	ISChnSP500	34.24	-51 <th>PetbrsA</th>	PetbrsA	19.80	-62 <th>VangTSM</th> <th>74.33</th> <td>-63</td>	VangTSM	74.33	-63	
CocaCola s	36.89	-16	ISChnSP500	34.24	-51 <th>PetbrsA</th>	PetbrsA	19.80	-62 <th>VangTSM</th> <th>74.33</th> <td>-63</td>	VangTSM	74.33	-63	
CocaCE	31.67	-30	ISChnSP500	34.24	-51 <th>PetbrsA</th>	PetbrsA	19.80	-62 <th>VangTSM</th> <th>74.33</th> <td>-63</td>	VangTSM	74.33	-63	
Comcast	37.23	-86	ISChnSP500	34.24	-51 <th>PetbrsA</th>	PetbrsA	19.80	-62 <th>VangTSM</th> <th>74.33</th> <td>-63</td>	VangTSM	74.33	-63	
Comc spcl	35.87	-37	ISChnSP500	34.24	-51 <th>PetbrsA</th>	PetbrsA	19.80	-62 <th>VangTSM</th> <th>74.33</th> <td>-63</td>	VangTSM	74.33	-63	
ConAgra	3.83	+12	ISChnSP500	34.24	-51 <th>PetbrsA</th>	PetbrsA	19.80	-62 <th>VangTSM</th> <th>74.33</th> <td>-63</td>	VangTSM	74.33	-63	
Converse	29.80	-36	ISChnSP500	34.24	-51 <th>PetbrsA</th>	PetbrsA	19.80	-62 <th>VangTSM</th> <th>74.33</th> <td>-63</td>	VangTSM	74.33	-63	
ConPhil s	58.61	-67	ISChnSP500	34.24	-51 <th>PetbrsA</th>	PetbrsA	19.80	-62 <th>VangTSM</th> <th>74.33</th> <td>-63</td>	VangTSM	74.33	-63	
Corn	12.60	-19	ISChnSP500	34.24	-51 <th>PetbrsA</th>	PetbrsA	19.80	-62 <th>VangTSM</th> <th>74.33</th> <td>-63</td>	VangTSM	74.33	-63	
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CS&T	17.21	-1.21	ISChnSP500	34.24	-51 <th>PetbrsA</th>	PetbrsA	19.80	-62 <th>VangTSM</th> <th>74.33</th> <td>-63</td>	VangTSM	74.33	-63	
DSV Indl	6.50	-03	ISChnSP500	34.24	-51 <th>PetbrsA</th>	PetbrsA	19.80	-62 <th>VangTSM</th> <th>74.33</th> <td>-63</td>	VangTSM	74.33	-63	
DR Horton	19.75	-35	ISChnSP500	34.24	-51 <th>PetbrsA</th>	PetbrsA	19.80	-62 <th>VangTSM</th> <th>74.33</th> <td>-63</td>	VangTSM	74.33	-63	
Dell Inc	10.43	-07	ISChnSP500	34.24	-51 <th>PetbrsA</th>	PetbrsA	19.80	-62 <th>VangTSM</th> <th>74.33</th> <td>-63</td>	VangTSM	74.33	-63	
DelphiAuto	36.14	+10	ISChnSP500	34.24	-51 <th>PetbrsA</th>	PetbrsA	19.80	-62 <th>VangTSM</th> <th>74.33</th> <td>-63</td>	VangTSM	74.33	-63	
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DewonE	53.46	-73	ISChnSP500	34.24	-51 <th>PetbrsA</th>	PetbrsA	19.80	-62 <th>VangTSM</th> <th>74.33</th> <td>-63</td>	VangTSM	74.33	-63	

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CALLA COMMUNITY CHURCH CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Calla Community Church will hold a traditional candlelight Christmas Eve Service on Dec.24th, 2012. Beginning at 6:30 pm, violinist John Vagas will perform both Christmas and classical music for arriving visitors. His music is a beautiful way to stop and take a breath before the full activities of Christmas start. His music is a gift to Calla Church from our member, Dale Rhinehart. He has provided us with these beautiful sounds in memory of his mother for several years now. At 7:00 pm, the service will start, led by our pastor, Rev. James Houston. Communion will be given and is open to all. An offering will be taken with a portion going to help a member of our community and part going to the Wounded Heroes Veterans Program. Calla Community Church is located at 6482 W. Calla Rd Canfield, Ohio.

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Teen sues school over Romney T-shirt flap

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The family of a Philadelphia teenager who says she was mocked by her geometry teacher for wearing a Mitt Romney T-shirt to class has sued the teacher and the school district.

The Philadelphia Inquirer reports (<http://bit.ly/VV3Tka>) the lawsuit claims the district ignored 16-year-old Samantha Pawlucy's right to free speech.

The lawsuit claims the district let other students harass Pawlucy and subjected her to emotional distress. It seeks unspecified damages. A district spokesman won't comment.

Teacher Lynette Gaymon has apologized to Pawlucy. A telephone message left Friday for Gaymon hasn't been returned.

Pawlucy says the teacher questioned why she was wearing the shirt and called others to the room to laugh at her in September.

Romney called the girl's family and said he appreciated her courage. The Republican lost Pennsylvania and the November election to President Barack Obama.



Helping Abbey Rose

The Southern Local High School cheerleaders recently donated money and gift basket items to the Abbey Rose Foundation. This foundation raises money to support families that have recently lost children. They would like to thank all those from the Southern Local community who helped by donating. Pictured are some of the members of the SLHS Cheer Squad wearing their Abbey Rose T-shirts, from left, Kaylee McCaffrey, MacKenna Boals, Emilie Blissenbach, Tiffany Baker, Tessa Calvin, Kayla Huff and Britney Ketchum. For more information visit www.abbeyrosekudrin.com. (Submitted photo)

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Candlelight services in Lisbon

Christmas Eve candlelight services for the community begin at 5 and 11 p.m. at New Lisbon Presbyterian Church, 111 E. Chestnut St., Lisbon. Planned are special musical offerings, dramatic readings and messages of hope, peace and love. Doors open 30 minutes prior to the service. For more information call the church at 330-424-5107 or visit www.newlisbon.org. Pictured are, from left, Olivia and Cierra Coontz lighting the advent candles.(Submitted photo)



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ACROSS OUR COMMUNITIES

DAHS 1955 to meet for breakfast at Taste of Country

LISBON — The David Anderson High School Class of 1955 plans to meet for breakfast at 10 a.m. Dec. 27 at the Taste of Country.

Salem AMVETS planning New Year's Eve dance

SALEM — A dance will be held from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. on New Year's Eve at AMVETS Post 45. Admission is free to members and \$5 for non-members. Music will be provided by Uptown Saturday Night.

Monopoly game tournament set at Salem Library Jan. 12, 19

SALEM — Salem Public Library will host a Monopoly game tournament on Jan. 12 and 19in the Quaker meeting room at 821 E. State St. The public, ages 12 and up, are invited. Prizes will be awarded to first and second-place winners. Registration is required and begins Dec. 22. The registration deadline is Jan. 7. For more information or to register call 330-332-0042 or stop in at the adult circulation desk.

Winter session for Future Fitness Club to open Jan. 7

SALEM — The Salem Community Center is introducing the winter session of Future Fitness Club. The club is a Kohl'sCares sponsorship program that is designed and promoted through Akron Children's Hospital. The second session of the club is scheduled to begin Jan. 7. This six-week program meets from 6 to 7 p.m. every Monday and Thursday through Feb. 14. Boys and girls ages 8-13 are welcome to join. Cost is \$22 per child. For more information and to register call 330-332-5885 or visit www.salemcommunitycenter.com.

Columbiana Restoration Committee to meet Jan. 7

COLUMBIANA — The Restoration, Renovation, and Beautification Committee of Columbiana will meet at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 7 at the Columbiana Womens Club. The committee is seeking new members for its work for the coming year. Interested parties from Columbiana and the surrounding areas are invited to attend. The committee's previous projects have included the renovation of the the town square and the installation of the new Columbiana sign on Route 14.

Columbiana announces 'Get Your Glow on' winners

COLUMBIANA — The Columbiana Area Chamber of Commerce has announced the winners of its "Get Your Glow on" lighting contest. The \$50 prizes were awarded to East Park Veterinary Clinic for the best traditional holiday decor and to Savvy Chic Consignment Boutique for the best non-traditional holiday decor.

Concealed carry class set at Salem Hunting Club

SALEM — National Rifle Association certified instructors are teaching a concealed carry class on Jan. 12 at the Salem Hunting Club. Interesting and informative class room material, a range experience with emphasis on basic fundamental marksmanship skills and firearm safety designed to build confidence on the range are provided. All levels of experience are welcome. For more information call 330-332-9847.

Salem Historical Society offices closed Monday; gift shop open

SALEM — The offices of the Salem Historical Society will be closed on Monday, December 24, but the gift shop will be open 9 to noon on Monday for last minute shopping of Salem items, including the 2013 Salem Calendar featuring local gas stations.. Entrance is in the lower level of the Dale Shaffer Library at 239 South Lundy. The offices will reopen on Wednesday, following Christmas. If there are questions, contact 330-337-8514.

IN THE SERVICE

ROTC training

Tyler W. Strohecker has graduated from the Army ROTC (Reserve Officers' Training Corps Leader's Training Course at Fort Knox, Ky. The four-week course is a leadership internship for cadets that can lead to the ultimate goal of becoming an Army officer. College students experience and examine the Army without incurring an obligation to serve in the Army or ROTC, and are eligible to receive two-year college scholarship offers and attend the Advanced ROTC Course at their college.

The cadet is a student at Youngstown State University. He is the son of Earl Strohecker of Lyons Avenue, and Patti Bosley of East Adams Street, both of East Palestine. He graduated in 2007 from East Palestine High School.

Apprentice training

Air Force Airman 1st Class Matthew T. Lasky graduated from the Water and Fuel Systems Apprentice Course at Sheppard Air Force Base, Wichita Falls, Texas. The course is designed to train students in water processing, analysis, operating principles of water treatment plants, maintenance of water and waste water, fire suppression and backflow prevention systems and components; and maintenance and repair of water supply, waste, fuels, and natural gas systems.

Lasky is the son of Leslie Lasky of East Fourth Street, Salem. He is a 2005 graduate of Salem High School.

Got news? Contact the Salem News at 330-332-4601 or salemnews@salemnews.net

Christmas service scheduled at the Salem Bible Church

SALEM — A special Christmas service begins at 7 p.m. Sunday at Salem Bible Church, 807 Cunningham Road. All are welcome. The choir will present special music, along with congregational singing, and a sermon on the incarnation of Christ.

Calla Community Church will hold candlelight service

CANFIELD — Calla Community Church at 6482 W. Calla Road will hold a traditional candlelight Christmas Eve service. Beginning at 6:30 p.m., violinist John Vagas will perform both Christmas and classical music. His music is a gift to Calla Church from member, Dale Rhinehart. He has provided these beautiful sounds in memory of his mother for several years. At 7 p.m., the service will start, led by the Rev. James Houston. Communion will be given and is open to all. An offering will be taken and given to a member of the community and to the Wounded Heroes Veterans Program.

Senior Choir and Bell Choir will perform Christmas cantata

SALEM — The Senior Choir and Bell Choir of Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 291 S. Broadway Ave., will perform its Christmas cantata during the worship services at 6:30 p.m. today and at 10:30 a.m. Sunday. Pastor Alan Smearsoll created the narration and arranged this year's cantata, titled Evangelizoma, which is a Greek word meaning, "I bring good news." The poems were written by Karen Rodgers. Tom Drotleff is the senior choir director and Ila Jeanne Paxson is the organist and bell choir director. The public is invited.

RELIGION HAPPENINGS

Columbiana Nazarene Church presenting 'Peace, Hope and Joy'

COLUMBIANA — The Columbiana Nazarene Church at 330 N. Elm will present its annual cantata titled, "Peace, Hope and Joy" at 10 a.m. Sunday. Refreshments will precede the service from 9 to 9:30 a.m. A Christmas Eve service begins at 7 p.m. The public is invited to both events.

Community pancake breakfast planned at Zion Hill Church

COLUMBIANA — A community pancake breakfast will be served from 9 to 10 a.m. Sunday at Zion Hill Church of the Brethren, 14550 New Buffalo Road. The Christmas Advent service follows at 10:30 a.m.

Breakfast buffet offered at the North Lima Mennonite Church

NORTH LIMA — An all-you-can-eat breakfast buffet will be available from 7 to 10 a.m. Dec. 29 at the North Lima Mennonite Church, 90 Mennonite Drive. Donations will be accepted. Items on the buffet include eggs, pancakes, french toast, sausage, potatoes, home-made rolls, sausage gravy and biscuits, peppers and onions, coffee, orange juice, and other beverages. For more information call the church at 330-549-2333.

Messiah Choir will perform today at Main Street Theater

COLUMBIANA — The Messiah Choir will perform at 7 p.m. Dec. 22 at Main Street Theater, 5 N. Main St. The event is free and open to the public. A free-will offering will be donated to Crown Theater Productions and its ministry.

The expenses of the holiday concert are underwritten by the Columbiana Community Foundation. Doors open one hour before the show. Under the direction of Randy Hart, the 30-member choir will perform selections from Handel's "Messiah" and other holiday music. Solists are Sarah Vodrey, Sally Bricker, Peggy Elliott, Barbara Bailey and Andrew Lawlor. Accompanist is Joe McKim.

The Parker Brothers and Lacey will perform at Haven of Rest

EAST PALESTINE — The Parker Brothers and Lacey will be in concert 11 a.m. Sunday at God's Haven of Rest, 51966, state Route 14. The group, comprised of Andy, Daniel, Travis and Lacey Parker, began singing and playing their own music at a very young age over 18 years ago. Travis Parker will return in concert 6 p.m. Dec. 23 at God's Haven of Rest. All are welcome. For more information call 330-397-1284.

Tickets available for New Year's Eve Victory Gospel Jubilee

NORTH LIMA — Free tickets are available for the New Year's Eve Victory Gospel Jubilee to be held on Dec. 31 at the North Lima Business Complex Auditorium. National southern gospel artist Jerry Garcia will be the headliner for the evening of music hosted by the Golden Street Singers. Also on the program will be the Stillwater trio. Garcia, who has been in the music ministry since he sang his first song in church as a young boy, performs hundreds of concerts each year, sings on gospel cruises and has appeared at the National Quartet Convention. Garcia and his wife, Sarah, share a special ministry of love to children with severe, even terminal illness.

Stillwater members Ed and Ed Woodard have been singing in groups for more than 30 years. They are joined by lead singer Enola Grovesteen. The Golden Street Singers have hosted all of the Victory Gospel Jubilees. A buffet dinner by the Hen House Cafe will be available from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$12. Singing begins at 7 p.m. Reservations for dinner can be made when you order your free tickets. Several door prizes will be awarded, including a weekend at Seven Springs Mountain Resort in Pennsylvania. To order tickets call 800-284-9709.

Films, Goodness Grows benefit planned for January

NORTH LIMA — Two films and a Goodness Grows benefit are scheduled in January at the Common Ground Church, 2310 W. South Range Road. The "What's 'Organic' about Organic?" film starts at 6 p.m. Jan. 19. Elsa Higby will speak about the Rodale Institute's agriculture supported community training. The "Coal Country" film begins at 6 p.m. Jan. 26. Julia Fuhrman Davis will offer simple ways to reduce fossil fuel use. The benefit is slated from 5 to 10 p.m. Jan. 12 at Glenwood Christian Fellowship Cafe, 7872 Glenwood Ave., Boardman. The menu for this dinner and coffee shop night includes soup, sandwiches, paninis, hot and cold drinks, all sourced locally by Kathryn Hatch of The Zaney Pearl. Information is available at www.goodnessgrows4all.org and 330-549-9408.

Food distribution planned at Winona Friends Church

WINONA — A food distribution is slated from 10 a.m. to noon today at Winona Friends Church, 4615 Whinnery Road. Families and individuals living in the United Local School District are eligible.

DAMASCUS AUCTION

Damascus Livestock Auction Quotations Dec. 18
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Boars \$10 to \$21
Light boars \$10 to \$19
Feeder pigs receipts 10 head \$15 to \$30 per head
Calves receipts 90 head
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Holstein bull calves \$105 to \$120
Holstein heifer calves (80 lbs. up) \$60 to \$95
Cross bred calves \$130 to \$220
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Holstein Steers-Select \$92 to \$110
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Joshua Project collecting for victims
SALINEVILLE — The Joshua Project is collecting monetary donations for the victims of the Sandy Hook Elementary tragedy. Donations may be dropped off at any Huntington Bank, under The Joshua Project: Connecticut Victims Memorial Fund. Collections will be taken through Jan. 30, 2013. All funds will be directly deposited into The Sandy Hook Elementary Memorial Fund at the Newtown Savings Bank. The Joshua Project is a Christian based, non-profit organization in Salineville.

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ALLIANCE
West Branch Chorale Department's "A Classical Showcase," 7 p.m., St. Paul Lutheran Church; free admission.

COLUMBIANA
Messiah Choir performance, 7 p.m., Main Street Theater; free admission. Doors open 6 p.m.

SALEM
Concealed carry class, Salem Hunting Club; 330-332-9847.

Christmas Cantata, 6:30 p.m., Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 291 S. Broadway Ave.

Public breakfast buffet, 7:30-10 a.m., Masonic Building, 788 E. State St., \$6 for adults, \$3 for under 10, free for under 2; waffles, sausage, bacon, scrambled eggs, homemade sausage gravy, biscuits, homefries, toast, fruit cocktail, beverages.

SALEM
Veterans Appreciation Rodeo, 7 p.m., Armstrong's Arena, 3249 Route 45; free admission to all veterans and active duty military.

WINONA
Food distribution, 10 a.m.-noon, Winona Friends Church, 4615 Whinnery Road; for United School District families and individuals.

SUN/23
EAST PALESTINE
Parker Brothers and Lacey in concert, 11 a.m., God's Haven of Rest, 51966, state Route 14. Travis Parker in concert, 6 p.m.

SALEM
Christmas Cantata, 10:30 a.m., Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 291 S. Broadway Ave.

WASHINGTONVILLE
Breakfast, 8-11 a.m., Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5532. Carry-outs, 330-427-2533.

... ON THE Calendar THIS WEEK ...

MON/24
SALEM
Food distribution, 9-11:30 a.m., Salem Community Pantry, 794 E. Third St.

TUE/25
SALEM
Salem Community Pantry, closed today.

Banquet in Salem, 5 p.m. only, Memorial Building; ham, turkey, cranberry sauce, dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, fresh vegetables and fruit, ice cream sundaes. Holiday music by Butch Hallowell.

WED/26
COLUMBIANA
Salem Area Singles, meeting, 6 p.m., 7&14 restaurant.

ELKTON
Elkrun Township trustees, meeting, 7 p.m., township administration building on state Route 154.

SALEM
Salem High School Class of 1955, lunch, 11:30 a.m., BB Rooners.

TOPS 777, weigh-ins 5:30-6:15 p.m., meeting 6:20 p.m., Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 251 S. Broadway Ave.; 330-332-1280.

Adult Children of Alcoholics (Al-Anon), 7:30 p.m., Episcopal Church; 330-831-4983 or 330-332-8233 after 6 p.m.

SEBRING
Al-Anon meetings, Pine Lake Christian Church, 636 Pine Lake Road. Beginner's meeting, 6:30 p.m.; regular meeting, 7 p.m.

THU/27
DAMASCUS
TOPS Chapter 1329, 9 a.m., Damascus United Methodist Church; 330-525-7785.

LISBON
Help Hotline Crisis Center's support group of the Survivors of Suicide, meeting, 6 p.m., Columbiana County Counseling Center, SR 154; 330-424-7767.

SALEM
TOPS 1598, 9:50 a.m., First United Methodist Church. Weigh-ins, 8:45-9:30 a.m.; 330-332-1127. Handicap accessible.

Salem High School Class of 1954, breakfast, 9 a.m., Salem Hills Golf and Country Club.

Overeaters Anonymous, 6 p.m., Faith Chapel, 511 E. Pershing St.; 330-853-9311.

Salem City Board of Health, public hearing on food service fees, 9:30 a.m., health department, KSU City Center.

Salem City Board of Health meeting, 10 a.m., health department, KSU City Center.

Kaiser/National retirees and past employees, breakfast, 8:30 a.m., Adele's Place.

FRI/28
FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP
Trustees, special meeting, noon, township government building, Fairfield School Road.

GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
Board of Trustees, 5 p.m., Administration Building.

SALEM
Food distribution, 9-11:30 a.m., Salem Community Pantry, 794 E. Third St.

Salem Community Hospital and Salem Community Center's blood drive, 1-7 p.m., at SCC, 1098 N. Ellsworth Ave. Appointments, 330-332-7227. Walk-ins accepted.

Bingo, 6:45 p.m., Salem Little Quakers Hall, 1688 S. Lincoln Ave.

Addiction recovery, open meeting, 7 p.m., Faith Chapel, 511 E. Pershing St.; 330-332-8573.

SAT/29
NORTH LIMA
All-you-can-eat breakfast buffet,

7-10 a.m., North Lima Mennonite Church, 90 Mennonite Drive; donations accepted.

SUN/30
WASHINGTONVILLE
Breakfast, 8-11 a.m., Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5532. Carry-outs, 330-427-2533.

MON/31
NORTH LIMA
New Year's Eve Victory Gospel Jubilee, 7 p.m., North Lima Business Complex. Buffet dinner by the Hen House Cafe, 5:30-7:30 p.m., \$12. Reservations and free Jubilee tickets, 800-284-9709.

SALEM
Banquet in Salem, 5-7 p.m., Memorial Building; pork loin and sauerkraut. Butch Hallowell will perform Christmas carols.

WED/2
LEETONIA
Book discussion, Anita Shreve's "Light on Snow," 10 a.m., Leetonia Community Public Library.

Toddler Playgroup, 10 a.m., Leetonia Community Public Library.

SALEM
Salem Community Pantry, closed today.

TOPS 777, weigh-ins 5:30-6:15 p.m., meeting 6:20 p.m., Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 251 S. Broadway Ave.; 330-332-1280.

Adult Children of Alcoholics (Al-Anon), 7:30 p.m., Episcopal Church; 330-831-4983 or 330-332-8233 after 6 p.m.

New Year's Eve party, 9 p.m.-1 a.m., Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 892, 496 Arch St. Music by Damaged Goods; \$5 for non-members.

SEBRING
Al-Anon meetings, Pine Lake Christian Church, 636 Pine Lake Road. Beginner's meeting, 6:30 p.m.; regular meeting, 7 p.m.

THU/3
DAMASCUS
TOPS Chapter 1329, 9 a.m., Damascus United Methodist Church; 330-525-7785.

LEETONIA
Red Cross blood drive, 12:30-5:30 p.m.; blood pressure screening, 1-3 p.m.; Leetonia Community Public Library.

SALEM
TOPS 1598, 9:50 a.m., First

United Methodist Church. Weigh-ins, 8:45-9:30 a.m.; 330-332-1127. Handicap accessible.

Overeaters Anonymous, 6 p.m., Faith Chapel, 511 E. Pershing St.; 330-853-9311.

Salem Bird Study Club, 7 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 436 E. Second St.; use rear entrance.

FRI/4
SALEM
Food distribution, 9-11:30 a.m., Salem Community Pantry, 794 E. Third St.

Bingo, 6:45 p.m., Salem Little Quakers Hall, 1688 S. Lincoln Ave.

Addiction recovery, open meeting, 7 p.m., Faith Chapel, 511 E. Pershing St.; 330-332-8573.

SAT/5
GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
Board of trustees, 9 a.m., administration building.

SALEM
Salem High School Class of 1972, breakfast, 9 a.m., Salem Hills Golf and Country Club.

Salem High School Class of 1949, breakfast, 9:30 a.m., Salem Hills Golf and Country Club.

Salem High School Class of 1963, lunch, 11:30 a.m., Salem Hills Golf and Country Club.

SUN/6
SEBRING
American Legion Post 76, monthly breakfast, 8 a.m.-noon, post home, 395 W. California Ave.

MON/7
COLUMBIANA
TOPS 720, Presbyterian Church, weigh-ins 9-9:35 a.m.; 330-482-5946.

LISBON
Al-Anon meeting, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Fleming House, 7300 Rose Drive.

Alateen meeting, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Fleming House, 7300 Rose Drive.

SALEM
Food distribution, 9-11:30 a.m., Salem Community Pantry, 794 E. Third St.

R-Weigh weight groups, 1 and 5

p.m. meetings, First Friends Church, 1028 Jennings Ave.; 330-332-1078.

Emotions Anonymous, 2-3 p.m., Salvation Army; 330-332-1045.

TOPS 1380, 6:15 p.m., Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 251 S. Broadway Ave.

Bingo, 6:45 p.m., Salem Little Quakers Hall, 1688 S. Lincoln Ave.; 330-332-2152.

TUE/8
LEETONIA
Leetonia Community Public Library Board of Trustees, 5:30 p.m., Leetonia Community Public Library.

LISBON
Overeaters Anonymous, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Fleming House behind McDonald's; 330-337-0940.

SALEM
Salem Community Hospital retirees and former employees, informal lunch, 11 a.m., Das Dutch Haus in Columbiana.

Rotary Club, lunch, 11:45 a.m., Salem Community Center.

Food distribution, 5-7:30 p.m., Salem Community Pantry, 794 E. Third St.

Salem High School Class of 1968, dinner, 6 p.m., Ricky's English Pub.

Salem Jubilee Chorus practice. Male singers wanted, 7-8:30 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 244 S. Broadway Ave.; 330-337-6682.

WED/9
LEETONIA
Toddler Playgroup, 10 a.m., Leetonia Community Public Library.

SALEM
Men of the Salem High School Class of 1960, lunch, noon, Salem Hills Golf and Country Club.

TOPS 777, weigh-ins 5:30-6:15 p.m., meeting 6:20 p.m., Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 251 S. Broadway Ave.; 330-332-1280.

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SALEM
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Overeaters Anonymous, 6 p.m., Faith Chapel, 511 E. Pershing St.; 330-853-9311.

Salem High School Class of 1968, 45th reunion planning meeting, Alumni Association, 6 p.m.

FRI/11
LEETONIA
"Breakfast at Tiffany's," 1 p.m., Leetonia Community Public Library.

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PREP BASKETBALL

Ho, ho, ho, Salem hits break at perfect 6-0

Quakers down NBC opponent Minerva; Bush leads with 22

By JON RUDDER
Staff Writer

MINERVA — Before the season started, Salem head coach Rich Hart knew that in a league as tough as the Northeastern Buckeye Conference, victories on the road would be difficult to come by. Even



HART



with a roster as senior-laden and experienced as the Quakers, there are always lessons to be learned. “Winning ugly is better than the alternative,” Hart said after a 63-50 win over the Minerva Lions.

“We learned a valuable lesson, and we can’t walk out the court and think we’re good or else we’re going to get ourselves in a dog fight. We had the opportunity to put it away in the first half, but we didn’t. When you miss seven or eight lay-ups and 16 free throws, those combinations make for a tight game.”

The first quarter lacked much of the style that Salem has grown accustomed to this year. Salem was whistled for six fouls to Minerva’s one.

“They did a nice job with what they were doing, but we certainly didn’t do what we were supposed to,” Hart said.

Salem jumped out to an early lead despite the lack of rhythm. Ryan Bush connected from beyond the arc to give Salem an 8-0 lead and force Minerva head coach Pepper Locke to burn his first timeout.

Brendan Webb picked up two quick fouls and was sent to the bench with 5:20 to play in the first quarter. The Quakers remained without the services of their starting point guard until the second quarter began but benefitted from a deep bench.

Despite the foul trouble, Salem led 15-13 after one quarter.

With a basket by Cody Parrish to open the second stanza, Salem found itself in danger of trailing for the first time this year.

The Quakers answered buoyed by Max Wolfgang who led the offensive charge in the second quarter. Wolfgang netted seven of his 11 points in the frame. He also finished with nine rebounds and recorded four blocks.

Minerva got quick basket just before the half ended to cut the Quakers lead to four at 29-25.

Back-to-back 3-pointers by Zach Economous and Ryan Bush opened up the second half for the Quakers, giving them a 10-point lead.

Salem also emphasized it’s defense in the third and it showed on the scoreboard. Minerva managed just six points in the frame and committed multiple turnovers.

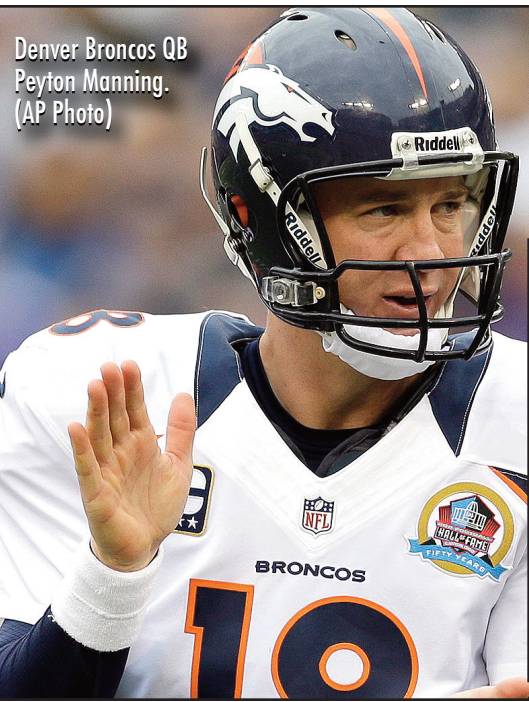
The offense also came as a result of the defense, and the Quakers managed to push their lead to 16 points with a 3-pointer from Webb with less than a minute to play.

“We cleaned up some things that’s for sure, but then we reverted back to

See SALEM, 2B

NFL

Denver Broncos QB Peyton Manning. (AP Photo)



Slowing Peyton

Browns will have hands full with potential MVP

BEREA (AP) — Preparing to play Peyton Manning was challenging enough for the Cleveland Browns even before losing three more starters. Coach Pat Shurmur said Friday that wide receiver Mohamed Massaquoi, tight end Jordan Cameron and defensive back Tashaun Gipson will not travel to Denver to play the Broncos (11-3). With playoff hopes dashed and a losing season assured, the Browns (5-9) will try to halt Denver’s nine-game winning streak. Going in with a depleted defense isn’t the best way. “It’s definitely not what you hope for, but it seems like it’s been that way all year,” linebacker D’Qwell Jackson. “We lost Chris (Gocong) and Scott (Fujita) early and stuff piles up. Some of these young guys have played here and there and now they will get a full test. We

See BROWNS, 3B

PREP ROUNDUP — SEBRING OUTLASTS W. RESERVE; WB FALLS

Trojans take Devils

West Branch gets off to slow start, can’t recover vs. Alliance



Going for the trap Western Reserve’s Tim Cooper looks to pass around Sebring’s Dylan Mick (32) and Josh Hurford during their game Friday in Sebring. (Salem News/B.J. Lisko)

Staff Reports

Sebring 38, Western Reserve 31

SEBRING — Sebring outlasted Western Reserve in a defensive battle Friday 38-31.

Leading the Trojans was Kirby Wilt with 11 points. Josh Hurford added 10 points, four steals and nine

rebounds, and Dylan Mick tallied eight points and eight rebounds. Eddie Kolisar also had 10 rebounds and four blocks.

For Western Reserve, Nick Tobin had 13 points. Payton Snyder added seven. The Sebring jayvee team also won 51-46 in overtime.



Andrew Weingart had 20 for the Trojans.

Sebring (3-4, 2-3 ITCL Tier 2) hosts Jackson-Milton Jan. 4. Western Reserve (2-5, 1-4 ITCL Tier 2) plays Friday at West Branch.

SEBRING: 9 15 6 8 — 38
WESTERN RESERVE: 10 46 11 — 31

See ROUND, 2B

NCAA BASKETBALL

Recent history

OSU looking for payback against Kansas

COLUMBUS (AP) — After Kansas knocked off Ohio State last season in the national semi-



finals, Buckeyes guard Lenzelle Smith Jr. didn’t have the heart to even watch the championship game.

As this season has progressed, Smith has grown more and more excited by the looming specter of a home rematch with the Jayhawks.

“I’ve kind of been waiting

for this game ever since our schedule got released in the summer,” he said about Saturday’s game pitting No. 9 Kansas against seventh-ranked Ohio State.

These are not the same teams from a year ago, when Kansas beat Ohio State twice. But that doesn’t mean there still won’t be a little edge to the game. What would you expect with the teams’ recent history?

“I’m sure they have some hard feelings toward us and it is going to be a really tough environment,” Kansas

See OSU, 3B



Ohio State's Aaron Craft plays against Savannah State Wednesday, Dec. 12 in Columbus. (AP Photo)

NBA

Pacers top Cavaliers

Hibbert leads Indiana past Cleveland 99-89



Cleveland Cavaliers' C.J. Miles jumps to the basket against the Indiana Pacers Friday in Cleveland. (AP Photo)

CLEVELAND (AP) — Roy Hibbert scored 18 points and Lance Stephenson



added a season-high 16 to lead the Indiana Pacers to a 99-89 win over the Cleveland Cavaliers, who lost their sixth straight game Friday night.

Hibbert didn’t have to deal with injured Cavs center Anderson Varejao, the NBA’s leading rebounder. Varejao missed his second game in a row with a bruised right knee.

David West added 15 points and 10 rebounds and Gerald Green had 14 points — with a ferocious dunk — as the Pacers won for the fifth time in six games.

Kyrie Irving scored 17 points on just 5-of-16 shooting for the Cavs, who are 1-11 in their last 12 games. Tristan Thompson had 12 points and 13 rebounds for Cleveland, 3-21 in its past 24.

With Varejao on the bench in street clothes, the Pacers enjoyed a size advantage inside and they outbounded the Cavaliers 44-35. Hibbert spent the last 5 minutes on the bench after picking up his fifth foul, but by then Indiana led by double digits and rolled to a relatively easy win.

Stephenson went 7 of 8 from the floor and added seven assists.

With the Pacers leading by nine early in the fourth quarter, Green, the league’s slam dunk champion in 2007, delivered a jam certain to make highlight reels for the next few days. Driving the left side, he soared in the lane and hammered the ball in over Cleveland’s Samardo Samuels, who could do nothing to stop it.

Green stared at Samuels and was given a technical foul, but the damage was done.

Indiana’s Paul George, scoreless at halftime, had eight points and four steals in the third quarter, when the Pacers outscored the Cavaliers 33-22 to take a 10-point lead into the fourth.

During an 18-5 run by the Pacers, George stole a lazy pass by rookie Tyler Zeller, drove for a layup and was fouled. He missed his free throw, but George poked the ball away from an unsuspecting Zeller and threw down a two-handed dunk to

See CAVS, 4B

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WHAT2WATCH

BOXING

4 p.m.

NBC — Cruiseweight, Tor Hammer (19-1-0) vs. Vyacheslav Glazkov (13-0-0); heavyweights, Steve Cunningham (25-4-0) vs. Tomasz Adamek (47-2-0), at Bethlehem, Pa.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Noon

ESPN — New Orleans Bowl, East Carolina vs. Louisiana-Lafayette

3:30 p.m.

ESPN — Las Vegas Bowl, Washington vs. Boise St.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Noon

ESPN2 — Syracuse vs. Temple, at New York

2 p.m.

ESPN2 — Texas at Michigan St.

3 p.m.

NBCSN — George Mason vs. Richmond, at Richmond Coliseum

4 p.m.

CBS — National coverage, Kansas at Ohio St.

ESPN2 — Marshall at Kentucky

5:30 p.m.

NBCSN — Virginia vs. Old Dominion, at Richmond, Va.

6 p.m.

ESPN2 — Missouri vs. Illinois, at St. Louis

8 p.m.

ESPN2 — Florida vs. Kansas St., at Kansas City, Mo.

NBCSN — Davidson at Drexel

NBA BASKETBALL

7 p.m.

WGN — Chicago at Atlanta

NFL FOOTBALL

8:30 p.m.

ESPN — Atlanta at Detroit

2DAYINSPORTS

Dec. 22

1894 — The United States Golf Association is founded, becoming the governing body for the game in the country.

1924 — Babe Dye of the Toronto St. Patricks scores five goals in a 10-2 victory over the Boston Bruins.

1974 — Boston's Phil Esposito scores his 500th goal and the Bruins beat the Detroit Red Wings 5-4.

1996 — Brett Hull becomes the 24th player in NHL history to score 500 goals, with a hat trick in the St. Louis Blues' 7-4 win over the Los Angeles Kings.

2002 — Rich Gannon breaks Warren Moon's 11-year-old single-season NFL record for completions in the second quarter of the Oakland Raiders' game against Denver. Gannon throws a 5-yard pass to Charlie Garner for his 405th completion of the season, breaking the mark set by Moon with the Houston Oilers in 1991.

2003 — Brett Favre passes for 399 yards and four touchdowns a day after his father dies, moving into second place in NFL history for career TD passes while leading the Green Bay Packers to a 41-7 victory over the Oakland Raiders. Favre passes Fran Tarkenton on the NFL's career list with his 343rd career TD throw.

2005 — Reggie Campbell of Navy ties the NCAA bowl record with five touchdowns and had 290 all-purpose yards, leading the Midshipmen to a 51-30 win over Colorado State in the Poinsettia Bowl.

2007 — The ATP suspends Italians Potito Starace and Daniele Bracciali for making bets — some as little as \$7 — on tennis matches involving other players. Starace, ranked 31st, is suspended for six weeks and fined \$30,000. Bracciali, ranked 258th, is banned for three months and fined \$20,000.



West Branch's Kip DeShields makes a move during the team's game Friday against Alliance. (Salem News/B.J. Lisko)



Sebring's Jon Ward takes a shot while Western Reserve's Joe Wisniewski defends Friday in Sebring. (Salem News/B.J. Lisko)



West Branch's Drake Lohnes looks to get past Alliance's Parrish Martin during their game Friday in Beloit. (Salem News/B.J. Lisko)



Sebring's Josh Hurford looks to pass while Western Reserve's Payton Snyder defends. (Salem News/B.J. Lisko)

ROUND

FROM 1B

Alliance 68,

West Branch 44

BELOIT — Alliance used a 19-3 first quarter to power past West Branch 68-44 Friday in Beloit.

Leading the Aviators was Kordelle Phillips with 25 points. J.J. Kukura added 16.

For West Branch, Beau Taylor had 12 points. Kip DeShields had six points and seven rebounds.

West Branch won the jayvee game 55-45.

West Branch (1-6, 0-4 NBC) hosts Western Reserve, Friday, Dec. 28.

Alliance improves to 6-1, 4-0 NBC.

ALLIANCE: 19 21 17 11 — 68

WEST BRANCH: 3 11 18 12 — 44

ALLIANCE SCORING: Dale Dickson 1-0-3, Parrish Martin 6-1-14, Kordelle Phillips 10-1-23, Malcolm Sampson 1-0-2, Zaura Thomas 1-0-2, J.J. Kukura 6-1-16, K. Amporsch 1-0-2, Marquez Williams 2-0-4. TEAM TOTALS: 28, 3-6, 68.

WEST BRANCH SCORING: Jacob Griffith 3-1-7, J. Thomas 1-1-3, Beau Taylor 4-1-12, Drake Lohnes 2-0-4, Mark Schwingle 1-0-2, Dustin Greenawalt

THREE POINTERS: Alliance 9 (Phillips 4, Dickson, Martin, Kukura 3), West Branch 3 (Taylor 3).

South Range 69,

United 26

CANFIELD — South Range's Garrett Anderson had 18 points and 10 rebounds to help lead the Raiders past United 69-26 Friday.

Tyler Beverly added 15 points and 12 rebounds, Robbie Seman had 12 points, and Jake Arsuffi had 11.

SALEM

FROM 1B

what we were doing before once the fourth came around," Hart said.

Hart emphasized patience throughout the final quarter of the game, and declared that the first two minutes of the final quarter would determine who would come out on top.

"I should've said the first

Cody Dickens had six points for United.

South Range won the jayvee game 37-27. Leading South Range was Johah Wilson with 10 points. Gary Miller added nine.

South Range (3-4, 2-3 ITCL Tier 1) will host Brookfield Dec. 28.

United (0-7, 0-4 ITCL Tier 1) plays at Leetonia also Dec. 28.

UNITED: 2 9 10 5 — 26

SOUTH RANGE: 16 24 15 14 — 69

UNITED SCORING: Paul Faulkner 0-0-0, Brandon Miller 1-1-3, Caleb Berdine 2-0-5, Garrett Beech 1-0-2, Cody Dickens 2-0-6, Andrew Martin 2-0-4, Caleb Conser 0-2-2, Braden Davison 1-2-4. TEAM TOTALS: 9, 5-8, 26.

SOUTH RANGE SCORING: Andrew Culler 1-0-2, Cole Krumpak 1-0-2, Mason Miller 1-1-3, Jake Arsuffi 4-0-11, Tyler Beverly 5-5-15, Robbie Seman 4-2-12, Garrett Anderson 9-0-18, Josh Fromel 1-0-3, Nick Wiery 1-0-3. TEAM TOTALS: 27, 8-11, 69.

THREE POINTERS: United 3 (Dickens 2, Berdine), South Range 6 (Arsuffi 3, Seman 2, Fromel)

East Palestine 61,

Lisbon 43

EAST PALESTINE — East Palestine's Austen Reiser had 19 points and 20 rebounds to lead the Bulldogs past Lisbon 61-43.

East Palestine jumped out to an 11-2 lead after one quarter and kept the Blue Devils at bay.

Nick Monteleone and Zack May-Robb added 12 points each, and Steve Parker had 10.

For Lisbon, Avery Andric had nine points. Matt Spencer added eight.

East Palestine won the jayvee game 53-20. Leading the Bulldogs was Phil Fusetti with 12 points.

East Palestine (4-3, 4-1 ITCL Tier 1) hosts Warren JFK Wednesday.

Lisbon (4-2, 3-2 ITCL Tier 1) plays

three minutes," Hart said with a laugh. "The first two minutes we were okay and then the third minute we went a little brain-dead and gave them some easy buckets."

The Lions chipped away their 16-point deficit to nine with 2:15 to play, but Salem's depth and experience proved to be too much.

"We just have to keep getting better," Hart said.

"We're not good enough

Friday at Youngstown Christian.

LISBON: 2 17 11 13 — 43

EAST PALESTINE: 11 11 18 21 — 61

LISBON SCORING: Matt Spencer 3-2-8, Eric Walker 2-0-5, Corey Brammer 2-3-7, Josh Craig 2-1-5, Austin Rutecki 2-0-4, Avery Andric 3-1-9, Josh Liberati 2-0-5, Jared Merri-man 0-0-0. TEAM TOTALS: 16, 7-13, 43.

EAST PALESTINE SCORING: Nick Monteleone 3-6-12, Nate Keylor 0-5-5, Austen Reiser 8-3-19, Billy Bibby 1-0-3, Alec Dumbauld 0-0-0, Steve Parker 2-6-10, Justin Fristik 0-0-0, Zack MayRobb 4-4-12. TEAM TOTALS: 18, 24-35, 61.

THREE POINTERS: Lisbon 4 (Walker, Andric 2, Liberati), East Palestine 1 (Bibby).

Springfield 47,

Crestview 42

NEW WATERFORD — Springfield topped Crestview 47-42 Friday.

Leading the Tigers was Eoghan Bees and Mark Shuler with 18 points each.

For Crestview, Robert Logan had 19 points and 14 rebounds. Evan Nentwick added nine points, four steals and four assists.

Springfield won the jayvee game 51-44. Leading the Rebels was Greg Bable with 13 points.

Crestview (3-4, 2-3 ITCL Tier 1) hosts Heartland Christian Friday.

Springfield improves to 6-0, 5-0 ITCL Tier 1.

SPRINGFIELD: 10 10 13 14 — 47

CRESTVIEW: 7 13 11 11 — 42

SPRINGFIELD SCORING: Eoghan Bees 5-6-19, Alex Wharry 1-0-2, Jared McTigue 1-1-3, Joe Wrask 1-2-4, Mark Shuler 7-3-18, Brandon Chamberlain 1-0-2, Jake Ohlin 0-0-0. TEAM TOTALS: 16, 12-25, 47.

CRESTVIEW SCORING: Evan Nentwick 2-5-9, Collin Gilbert 1-0-3, Josh McDade 1-0-2, Nick Gates 1-0-2, Robert Logan 9-1-19, Derek Bable 3-1-7. TEAM TOTALS: 17, 7-13, 42.

THREE POINTERS: Springfield 3 (Bees 2, Shuler), Crestview 1 (Gilbert).



East Palestine's Austen Reiser pulls down a rebound during the team's game against Lisbon Friday. (Salem News/Patti Schaeffer)

Gymnasium.

SALEM: 15 14 18 16 — 63

MINERVA: 13 12 6 19 — 50

SALEM SCORING: Ryan Bush 9-1-22, Zack Wukotich 0-2-2, Brendan Webb 1-3-6, Zach Economus 1-2-5, Max Wolfgang 2-7-11, Anthony Shivers 8-1-17.

TEAM TOTALS: 21, 16-32, 61

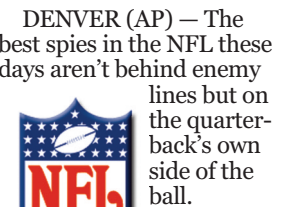
MINERVA SCORING: Quade Zeedrich 1-0-2, Cody Parrish 3-0-6, Joey Gill 7-5-22, Nick Clapper 1-2-4, Evan Forest 2-0-4, Jake Stryf-feler 5-2-12.

THREE POINTERS: Salem 5 (Bush 3, Webb, Economus) Minerva 3 (Gill 3).

► NFL

Sounds of NFL includes lots of fakery

Cadence, codes, cues all a game of gibberish to try to fake out opponents



DENVER (AP) — The best spies in the NFL these days aren't behind enemy lines but on the quarterback's own side of the ball.

Every game, two of his interior offensive linemen are miked up for network TV, bringing the sounds of the game to millions of viewers — and future opponents — who hear the signal-caller's cadence, codes and cues, all of which are enshrined in an increasing amount of gibberish.

Just about every quarterback is doing his best Peyton Manning imitation at the line of scrimmage these days because of increasingly complex offenses and the league's seemingly innocuous decision to move the umpire for safety reasons in 2010.

Switching the umpire from the defensive backfield to the offensive backfield in 2010 posed a problem for the NFL: these officials wore microphones and essentially served as the networks' on-field boom operators. That was no longer possible with the umpire stationed deep behind the quarterback instead of in front of him, so last season the league put microphones on centers and guards.

Now, everybody can listen in on everything that's being said before the snap.

"Defensive guys appreciate that," Denver defensive coordinator Jack Del Rio said. "You get all the quarterback's cadence. Quarterbacks and centers don't like

it. Offensive coordinators don't like it. By miking the center and the guards, we're hearing the quarterback every snap. So, it's entertaining for the fans but it's also informative for the defenses."

Still, before pass-happy offenses and miked-up linemen, it used to be a lot easier for defenders to figure out what the quarterback was up to.

"Yeah, because you'd have guys from another team that would come to your team and tell you stuff and most of it stayed true," Broncos cornerback Champ Bailey said. "But you can't do that anymore because every week people are changing the terms. You've got to be a sharp guy to play in the league these days."

Tune into any game and you'll see gesticulating QBs using frenetic hand signals and hollering a string of phrases, much of it outright hogwash — "dummy" calls designed to trick defenses and hide the offense's intentions. Teams change their code words week to week, even series to series.

While fans are all tuned in to this quarterback gobbledegook, many defenders are tuning it out, focusing on other signs like player movements and alignments to help them decipher play calls.

"I'm not really listening," Ravens defensive tackle Haloti Ngata said. "I'm just focusing on what I have to do and get off on the ball."

Sometimes, you can't help but start to wonder, though, said his teammate, cornerback Corey Graham.

"When you've got guys

like Peyton Manning, who's so smart, you kind of know that he might be talking garbage so you don't want to pay too much attention to that. But to be honest, it does catch your attention as a DB," Graham said. "When you see a quarterback out there saying a bunch of gibberish and pointing at your receiver, you're like, 'Aw shoot, what the heck is going on? I think I'm going to back up a little bit.' It does tend to make you think that they're up to something."

The quarterback has been doing more talking anyway with so many teams spreading out their receivers and using the hurry-up or no-huddle offense and its check-with-me option to run or pass on just about every snap.

Linebacker Chad Greenway said that when the Vikings faced Falcons quarterback Matt Ryan last season, "I don't know if he had any calls in the huddle. It seemed like everything was called at the line of scrimmage, an audible or he's checking between two and three different plays. Yeah, there's a lot of it."

While coaching staffs study the TV broadcasts to pick up clues about a quarterback's calls and cadence, players find it harder to cut through the fluff and filler.

"I'm telling you, it's tough. You can't look into it," Bailey said. "It's good for people at home to see what the quarterbacks say, but anymore it's hard to decode that."

Younger players don't even try.

"When it's all said and

done, they can only do two things: run or pass," Broncos second-year safety Rahim Moore said.

"They can talk as much as they want but at the same time, as a secondary, as a defense, we're talking, too. So, when you get caught up in what they're talking about, and vice versa, you're forgetting about your execution."

Players coming out of college nowadays are accustomed to these copious amounts of chatter at the line of scrimmage where the multitalented quarterbacks have several variations of plays to choose from depending on what they read in the defense.

"Oh, that's all we've seen," said second-year cornerback Chris Harris, who starts opposite Bailey. "Going against the spread in the NFL, the Big 12, that's all you get, really. It's always been check-with-me. So, you always try to disguise coverages, so that the offenses can't get a jump on you."

Somewhere in all this trickery are bona fide checks and calls by quarterbacks trying to get defenses to give away their intentions while trying to camouflage their own. And sometimes the joke's on them.

"I think you're seeing more defenses kind of playing the game back," Broncos safety Jimmy Leonhard said.

"That's what we called it in New York: You've got to play the game back. You can't just sit back there and line up and let them make their checks and be at the mercy of what they're doing."

BROWNS FROM 1B

believe in them."

But how much faith is reasonable against the top-rated quarterback in the AFC this year.

The big year has brought Manning's career totals to 152 wins, 430 touchdowns and nearly 59,000 yards passing.

"You don't sleep well the night before," veteran cornerback Sheldon Brown said.

"You have to understand you are going to give up plays against him. You've got to make sure you make the tackles so you can live to see another down."

A week ago, rookie Kirk Cousins shook off an early interception by Cleveland's T.J. Ward to lead Washington past the Browns in his first career start.

Now, Ward and replacement Gipson along with starting linebacker James-Michael Johnson are out. Veteran cornerback Dmitri Patterson was released after the loss to Washington, too.

"We've got to put together a plan," Shurmur had said earlier in the week before the injuries continued to

mount. "We have to go play fast, aggressive."

Eric Hagg will start at free safety, with Usama Young shifting to Ward's strong safety spot. Hagg had a season-high seven tackles in a win at Oakland on Dec. 2, but was inactive the past two weeks.

"I think he's learned that he can play in this league," Shurmur said of Hagg, a seventh-round pick in 2011 from Nebraska.

"He does a good job in coverage. Anytime you play for a while and then you don't play, it gives you a little better view of it while you're watching it. I'm sure he's learned something as he's prepared."

Defensive coordinator Dick Jauron said preparing for the 36-year-old Manning can be frustrating.

"He's effective against almost everything you do," Jauron said. "You will blitz. He reads it awfully quickly like he does most things in football. You've just got to keep mixing it up and then fight for 60 minutes and hope you can get some breaks."

"There are very few teams that have any kind of record against him over the years. He doesn't win every one of

them so we'll prepare and go out there and try to play our best game."

Jackson said putting pressure on Manning would be best, though he pointed out that the Broncos' offensive line knows their primary project is protecting the future Hall of Famer.

"He's not sacked that much because he gets rid of the ball so quickly," Jackson said.

"All these years, his linemen know that if Peyton gets time, he's going to do damage."

The Broncos are running better since Knowshon Moreno became the starter four weeks ago.

He has averaged 97.8 yards on the ground since. His production keeps a defensive line from trying to tee off against Manning.

"He's a good runner from the shotgun and he has a feel for finding a hole and he can break a tackle," Shurmur said. "He's a really good fit for them."

Shurmur hopes that rookie quarterback Brandon Weeden can put together some long scoring drives to take the pressure off Cleveland's defense.

"What's important is scoring points," Shurmur

said.

"It makes sense for their offense to not be on the field. I'll take it the other way. We can't have a whole bunch of three and outs."

Shurmur said he hasn't looked past the Broncos or the final game in Pittsburgh, though finding a way to win either game wouldn't hurt his chances of coming back for a third year.

Earlier in the week, he reminded players that they are playing for individual pride as well.

"What we owe ourselves and each other is that you prepare as well as you can, you get hydrated, you get on the plane go out and play good football, and try to win."

Notes: LB Tank Carder, claimed on waivers from Buffalo in September, will make his first career start in place of Johnson. ... WR Josh Cooper will take Massaquoi's place. ... TE Alex Smith missed practice with an undisclosed illness. ... Shurmur hopes DL Frostee Rucker (hip) will play. ... RB Trent Richardson has 11 rushing TDs. One more will give him the most by a Browns player since Hall of Famer Leroy Kelly had 16 in 1968.

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big man Jeff Withey said of the contest at Ohio State's Value City Arena. "We haven't really been on the road yet so we'll see how the new guys react to that. But we are definitely looking forward to it."

The 13th-ranked Jayhawks won the regular-season matchup at Allen Fieldhouse almost a year ago, taking advantage of All-America forward Jared Sullinger's absence (bad back) in a 78-67 victory over No. 2 Ohio State.

Then they squared off in New Orleans in the Final Four, with the Buckeyes leading most of the game and by 13 points before withering down the stretch to fall 64-62.

"If you look at the games last year, we didn't play them very well at all, but they guarded us. And they didn't play great, but we guarded them," Kansas coach Bill Self said. "The difference for us was in the second half we were able to get some 3-on-2s and some 2-on-1s and was able to make

six or eight easy baskets and score easy points that we didn't have to go against half-court defense."

The game figures to be a grade card for each team.

"Kansas right now is playing at a level as high as anybody in college basketball," Ohio State coach Thad Matta said. "They start four seniors. It's like, wow. Their leading scorer is a redshirt freshman. So they're a very, very experienced, seasoned team. From the standpoint of the caliber of the team that they are, obviously you're going to hopefully learn quite a bit about your team as you get ready to head into January, February and March."

Comparisons to last year are frivolous, since the two best players on the floor are now in the NBA. Kansas' Thomas Robinson had 19 points and eight rebounds in the Final Four and now plays for pay for the Sacramento Kings.

Sullinger had 11 points and 11 rebounds but had three shots blocked by Withey in New Orleans. Currently with the Boston Celtics, Sullinger was surrounded by defenders after

teammate Deshaun Thomas got into foul trouble in the semifinal.

Thomas, who pondered skipping out of his final two years to join them in the pros, is averaging 20.4 points and 7 rebounds a game. The 6-foot-7 junior never met a shot he wouldn't take — and make — which makes guarding him the biggest task for the Jayhawks.

"If you're a natural scorer like he is and averaging over 20 a game you've got the green light to shoot some good contested shots and he is good at making them," Self said. "He is a shot-maker. He is a professional scorer at our level and last year we didn't stop him."

Thomas had 19 points and kept Ohio State in it before a raucous crowd in Lawrence, Kan., a year ago.

The Jayhawks (9-1) have benefited from a comfortable schedule so far. They've had six home games in addition to three games before friendly faces in Kansas City. Their only loss came in their lone foray far from home, a 67-64 defeat to Michigan State in Atlanta.

Ohio State (9-1) dropped

its biggest previous challenge, a 73-68 decision at current No. 1 Duke on Nov. 28. In that game, much like the last meeting with Kansas, the Buckeyes led most of the night but didn't make enough plays down the stretch.

Aaron Craft, Ohio State's pesky defensive whiz at point guard, believes the rematch will come down to toughness.

"Who's going to be the tougher team?" he said. "They do a phenomenal job of getting second-chance points, grabbing 50-50 balls, really limiting possessions. We have to find a way to overcome that, and match or better their intensity and their toughness. Because that's what Kansas basketball is about."

Funny, but that's what Kansas also thinks of Ohio State.

"They are physical and they play that Big Ten style where they try to bully you," Withey said. "They do all that really well. We've got to come ready."

No matter who wins, both would like a redo — when the NCAA Final Four shifts to Atlanta in April.

AROUND THE HORN



A roundup of sports in the region and across the nation

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Salem boys win swim meet

SALEM — The Salem boys beat out Youngstown Christian, South Range and Austintown-Fitch Friday during a high school swim meet.

The Salem girls took fourth out of seven teams.

Salem HS Swim Meet-December 2012 - 12/21/2012	
Girls 200 Yard Freestyle	
1, Morrow, Jessica J, YCHR, 2:04.32	2, Fisher, Kayla, YAF, 2:32.52.
Girls 200 Yard IM	
1, Morrow, Mikayla R, YCHR, 2:24.08	2, Perry, Taylor M, United, 3:25.72.
Girls 50 Yard Freestyle	
1, Winkel, Jessica, South Range, 30.80	2, Kriegel, Jordan H, Salem, 33.26
3, McKee, Nikki, South Range, 37.66	4, Yargo, Gabriella, YCHR, 40.48.
Boys 50 Yard Freestyle	
1, Lopez, Paco *, Salem, 27.77	2, Frederick, Thomas, YAF, 28.00
3, Morgan, Nai Ru, YCHR, 28.15	4, Yargo, Danny, YCHR, 29.79
5, Jackman, Luke P, Salem, 31.69	6, Garman, Zach T, Salem, 39.84.
Girls 100 Yard Butterfly	
1, Morrow, Jessica J, YCHR, 1:06.23.	
Girls 100 Yard Freestyle	
1, Kiselica, Lindsey, South Range, 1:06.33	2, Winkel, Jessica, South Range, 1:07.28
3, Emge, Sydney N, WBRAN, 1:09.36	4, Henline, Emily, YAF, 1:09.68
5, Fisher, Alexis, YAF, 1:10.92	6, McKee, Katie, South Range, 1:11.17
7, Windham, Laura R, WRES, 1:20.24	8, McKee, Nikki, South Range, 1:26.08.
Boys 100 Yard Freestyle	
1, Gregory, Jordan, South Range, 1:04.01	2, Morgan, Nai Ru, YCHR, 1:08.45
3, Yargo, Danny, YCHR, 1:14.87	4, Garman, Zach T, Salem, 1:33.00.
Girls 100 Yard Backstroke	
1, Morrow, Mikayla R, YCHR, 1:10.87	2, Henline, Emily, YAF, 1:15.50
3, Kiselica, Lindsey, South Range, 1:19.09	4, Emge, Sydney N, WBRAN, 1:23.14
5, Kriegel, Jordan H, Salem, 1:28.28.	
Boys 100 Yard Backstroke	
1, Gregory, Jordan, South Range, 1:04.01	—, Jackman, Luke P, Salem, DQ.
Girls 100 Yard Breaststroke	
1, Fisher, Kayla, YAF, 1:19.09	2, Fisher, Alexis, YAF, 1:24.92
3, McKee, Katie, South Range, 1:33.56	4, Windham, Laura R, WRES, 1:35.75
5, Perry, Taylor M, United, 1:37.63.	
Boys 100 Yard Breaststroke	
1, Frederick, Thomas, YAF, 1:16.28	2, Lopez, Paco *, Salem, 1:19.54.
Combined Team Scores	
1, South Range, 169	2, Youngstown Christian School, 159
3, Austintown Fitch, 137	4, Salem Senior High School, 110
5, West Branch, 31	5, United Local, 31
7, Western Reserve, 27.	
Girls - Team Rankings	
1, South Range, 129	2, Austintown Fitch, 100
3, Youngstown Christian School, 95	4, West Branch, 31
4, United Local, 31	4, Salem Senior High School, 31
7, Western Reserve, 27.	
Boys - Team Rankings	
1, Salem Senior High School, 79	2, Youngstown Christian School, 64
3, South Range, 40	4, Austintown Fitch, 37.

Youth baseball clinic set

SALEM — The Salem Community Center in association with the Salem Junior Baseball League will be holding a Youth Baseball Clinic for players in grades 2-6. The clinic will be held on Sundays, January 13 to March 10 (no clinic February 3) from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. each week.

Cost for the clinic is \$50 for the 8-week session. Space is limited so register early to ensure your spot. Please register at the SCC Front Desk or by phone: 330-332-5885. For more information visit www.salemcommunitycenter.com.

Center Circle competitive youth basketball

SALEM — The Salem Community Center's new competitive basketball league is set to provide children in grades 2-6 the opportunity to play at the next level. Participants will face stiffer competition and a more aggressive style of play.

The league will be played on Sundays beginning Jan. 6 and concluding Feb. 24. Cost is \$200 per team (does not include referee fees) with a five-player minimum/12 player maximum roster size. Deadline for registration is Dec. 12. Registration is done on a team basis and teams may be co-ed, but it is not a requirement. The league is open to players in grades 4-6.

Please register at the SCC Front Desk or by phone at 330-332-5885. For more information please visit www.salemcommunitycenter.com.

Winter adult volleyball league set

SALEM — Registration is now open through Dec. 17 for the upcoming Winter Adult Co-ed Volleyball League. The league will run Jan. 6 through March 17 and conclude with a single elimination tournament to determine the league champion. The cost of the league is \$200 and offers both recreational and competitive divisions. Space is limited.

Visit www.salemcommunitycenter.com or call 330-332-5885 for more information.

Friday night adult hoops league

SALEM — The Salem Community Center's Friday Night Adult Basketball will run every Friday from Dec. 14 through March 29 from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Cost is \$3 each Friday per player. All money will be collected at Center Circle. There are no teams for this event as it is run as an open gym/pick-up game.

CBs Lewis, Allen, Brown probable for Steelers

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Cornerbacks Keenan Lewis, Cortez Allen and Curtis Brown all are listed as probable for Pittsburgh's game against Cincinnati on Sunday.

The Steelers, though, will be without top cornerback Ike Taylor for a third consecutive game because of an ankle injury.

Also, receiver Emmanuel Sanders (rib) is probable, as well as center Maurkice Pouncey, linebacker James Harrison and safety Troy Polamalu.

Browns lose more starters to injury

BEREA, Ohio (AP) — Mohamed Massaquoi, Jordan Cameron and Tashaun Gipson will not travel with the Cleveland Browns to Denver.

Coach Pat Shurmur announced Friday that all three are out for the game against the Broncos (11-3) on Sunday.

Massaquoi, a starting wide receiver, has a knee injury. He missed five games earlier this season with a hamstring problem. Cameron has a concussion, sustained last week against Washington. He has made six starts for the Browns (5-9) this season. Gipson, a rookie who has started twice, hurt his foot in practice this week. He had been expected to start in place of cornerback T.J. Ward, who hurt his knee in the loss to the Redskins.

Boise State looks to win third straight Vegas bowl

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Once again, Boise State is in this gambling city for a bowl game to end yet another successful season. Unlike previous years, though, no one is talking about where the Broncos could really be.

There is no BCS controversy for the No. 20 Broncos coming into the Las Vegas Bowl to play Washington. No talk about Boise State being in the chase for a national title, either.

But if this season is what rebuilding is all about, Boise State coach Chris Petersen will gladly take it.

"Part of the problem with sports today, particularly college football, is that you do well and that sets the bar high," Petersen said. "In our case it's set so high that anything but a perfect season is looked upon differently."

Petersen's team wasn't perfect this year, though the Broncos aren't complaining about a 10-2 season and a national ranking. Not after losing six starters from last year to the NFL draft and having to find a quarterback to replace Kellen Moore, who went 50-3 as a four-year starter for Boise State.

► TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
DETROIT TIGERS_ Announced SS Gustavo Nunez, Rule 5 draft selection, was returned by the Arizona Diamondbacks which sent him outright to Toledo (IL).
HOUSTON ASTROS_ Signed RHP Jose Veras to a one-year contract.
MINNESOTA TWINS_ Signed RHP Rich Harden to a minor-league contract.
NEW YORK YANKEES_ Sent RHP Jim Miller outright to Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL).
SEATTLE MARINERS_ Signed RHP Jeremy Bonderman to a minor league contract.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS_ Claimed OF _INF Russ Canzler off waivers from the Cleveland (AL). Assigned RHP Mickey Storey to Buffalo (IL).

National League
MLB_ Suspended Atlanta minor league RHP Billy Bullock 50 games following a second violation of a drug of abuse.
CHICAGO CUBS_ Agreed to terms with OF Nate Schierholtz on a one-year contract. Announced LHP Jeff Belliveau was claimed off waivers by Texas and RHP Sandy Rosario was claimed off waivers by San Francisco. Announced LHP Gerardo Concepcion cleared waivers and was assigned outright to Kane County (MWL).
MILWAUKEE BREWERS_ Signed LHP Tom Gorzelanny to a two-year contract.
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS_ Claimed RHP Sandy Rosario off waivers from Chicago Cubs.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
MINNESOTA VIKINGS_ Reinstated CB Chris Cook from injured reserve.
PHILADELPHIA 76ERS_ Assigned F Arnett Moultrie to Sioux Falls (NBADL).

FOOTBALL
National Football League
NFL_ Fined Atlanta S Chris Hope \$30,000 for his helmet-to-helmet hit on New York Giants WR Victor Cruz in a game on Dec. 16. Fined Atlanta WR Roddy White and New York Giants CB Corey Webster \$7,875 apiece for a skirmish during the game. Fined San Francisco S Dashon Goldson \$21,000 for an illegal hit; Tennessee DE Antonio Smith and New York Jets DE Quinton Coples \$15,750 each for helmet-to-helmet hits; Baltimore WR Anquan Boldin and Baltimore CB Cary Williams \$15,750 each for unnecessary roughness; and San Diego CB Antoine Cason and Tennessee S Jordan Babineaux \$7,875 apiece for unnecessary roughness.
JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS_ Claimed RB Jonathan Grimes off waivers from Houston.

COLLEGE
NCAA_ Suspended Texas basketball player Myck Kabongo for 23 games for accepting impermissible benefits and providing false statements during an investigation into the infractions. The suspension included the 10 games he has already missed.
LIMESTONE_ Named Drew Anthony recruiting and defensive coordinator.
N.C. STATE_ Named Mike Uremovich offensive line coach.
STANFORD_ Announced senior DL Terrence Stephens was declared ineligible for the Rose Bowl because of a secondary violation of NCAA rules related to his rental of off-campus housing.
WALSH_ Named Ted Karras Jr. football coach.



► NFL GLANCE

AMERICAN CONFERENCE						
East						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
A-New England	10	4	0	.714	506	315
N.Y. Jets	6	8	0	.429	255	320
Miami	6	8	0	.429	264	279
Buffalo	5	9	0	.357	306	402
South						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
A-Houston	12	2	0	.857	394	280
Indianapolis	9	5	0	.643	309	358
Tennessee	5	9	0	.357	285	396
Jacksonville	2	12	0	.143	219	383
North						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
A-Baltimore	9	5	0	.643	348	307
Cincinnati	8	6	0	.571	355	293
Pittsburgh	7	7	0	.500	302	291
Cleveland	5	9	0	.357	280	310
West						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
A-Denver	11	3	0	.786	409	274
San Diego	5	9	0	.357	299	312
Oakland	4	10	0	.286	263	402
Kansas City	2	12	0	.143	195	367

NATIONAL CONFERENCE						
East						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Washington	8	6	0	.571	381	350
Dallas	8	6	0	.571	327	338
N.Y. Giants	8	6	0	.571	373	304
Philadelphia	4	10	0	.286	253	375
South						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Atlanta	12	2	0	.857	371	259
New Orleans	6	8	0	.429	389	379
Tampa Bay	6	8	0	.429	354	349
Carolina	5	9	0	.357	296	319
North						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Green Bay	10	4	0	.714	344	292
Minnesota	8	6	0	.571	319	308
Chicago	8	6	0	.571	321	240
Detroit	4	10	0	.286	330	380
West						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
San Francisco	10	3	1	.750	357	218
Seattle	9	5	0	.643	350	219
St. Louis	6	7	1	.464	258	315
Arizona	5	9	0	.357	224	302
clinched playoff spot						
clinched division						

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division

Saturday's Game
Atlanta at Detroit, 8:30 p.m.
Sunday's Games
Tennessee at Green Bay, 1 p.m.
Indianapolis at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
New Orleans at Dallas, 1 p.m.
Minnesota at Houston, 1 p.m.
Oakland at Carolina, 1 p.m.
Buffalo at Miami, 1 p.m.
Cincinnati at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
New England at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.
Washington at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
St. Louis at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.
San Diego at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.
Cleveland at Denver, 4:05 p.m.
Chicago at Arizona, 4:25 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at Baltimore, 4:25 p.m.
San Francisco at Seattle, 8:20 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 30
Jacksonville at Tennessee, 1 p.m.
Green Bay at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
Carolina at New Orleans, 1 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
Miami at New England, 1 p.m.
Baltimore at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
Cleveland at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
Houston at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.
Philadelphia at N.Y. Giants, 1 p.m.
Dallas at Washington, 1 p.m.
Chicago at Detroit, 1 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
Oakland at San Diego, 4:25 p.m.
Arizona at San Francisco, 4:25 p.m.
St. Louis at Seattle, 4:25 p.m.
Kansas City at Denver, 4:25 p.m.

► ND HOOPS

No. 22 NOTRE DAME 89, NIAGARA 67
NIAGARA (5-7)
White 4-8 1-4-9, McCall 0-1 0-2-0, Green 4-6 2-3 11, Tanksley 1-4 0-0-3, Mason 7-22 2-2 17, Cline 3-7 0-1 8, Lemmons 2-4 0-0-6, Thomas 1-1 0-0-2, Jordan 3-5 2-3 11. Totals 25-68 7-15 67.
NOTRE DAME (12-1)
Cooley 9-12 6-6 24, Atkins 4-8 3-3 12, Martin 3-6 0-0-7, Grant 5-7 2-2 13, Connaughton 3-6 1-1 8, Biedscheid 4-4 3-4 15, Auguste 1-2 0-0-2, Crowley 0-0 0-0 0, Sherman 2-4 2-4 6, Burgett 0-0 0-0 0, Knight 0-1 2-2 2. Totals 31-50 19-22 89.
Halftime: Notre Dame 42-34, 3-Point Goals: Niagara 10-27 (Jordan 3-5, Lemmons 2-2, Cline 2-6, Tanksley 1-3, Mason 1-5, Green 1-6). Notre Dame 8-16 (Biedscheid 4-4, Grant 1-2, Martin 1-3, Atkins 1-3, Connaughton 1-4). Fouled Out: None. Rebounds: Niagara 29 (Mason 6). Notre Dame 41 (Cooley 15). Assists: Niagara 17 (Jordan, Mason, McCall 3). Notre Dame 25 (Grant 8). Total Fouls: Niagara 18, Notre Dame 13. A, 8,043.

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► NHL GLANCE

NHL LOCKOUT AT A GLANCE
DATE: Friday, Dec. 21.
LAST: 97.
DAY NEGOTIATIONS: In-person talks Dec. 13 in New Jersey. Bargaining conference call Dec. 14.
NEXT NEGOTIATIONS: None scheduled.
GAMES LOST: 625 (all games through Jan. 14, including New Year's Day Winter Classic, and All-Star weekend).
DISSOLVING THE UNION?: NHL players' association members voted this week to give the union's executive board the power to file a "disclaimer of interest" until Jan. 2, a person familiar with the vote told The Associated Press on Friday. However, the executive board hasn't yet met plans to meet and discuss the issue. The vote drew more than the two-thirds of the required support. If the executive board files the disclaimer, the union would dissolve and become a trade association. That would allow players to file antitrust lawsuits against the NHL.
WHAT WE MISSED: A five-game slate was lost Friday night, including a matchup of the best and worst the NHL has to offer. The Vancouver Canucks (51-22-9), who finished with an NHL-high of 111 points last season, were supposed to visit the Columbus Blue Jackets (29-46-7), the team with a league-low 65 points last season. The two teams bookended the Western Conference standings.
ON THIS DAY LAST YEAR: Philadelphia Flyers leading scorer Claude Giroux returned to the lineup after a four-game absence with gusto. Giroux, who had been sidelined by a concussion, had a goal and three assists in his return to help the Flyers beat the Dallas Stars 4-1. Giroux was injured against Tampa Bay on Dec. 10 when he was accidentally hit in the back of the head by the knee of teammate Wayne Simmonds.

► ND BOWLS

Notre Dame Bowl History
The Associated Press
Record: 15-16
Dec. 29, 2011 Champ Sports Bowl_Florida St. 18, Notre Dame 14
Dec. 31, 2010 Sun Bowl_Notre Dame 33, Miami 17
Dec. 24, 2008 Hawaii Bowl_Notre Dame 49, Hawaii 21
Jan. 3, 2007 Sugar Bowl_LSU 41, Notre Dame 14
Jan. 2, 2006 Fiesta Bowl_Ohio St. 34, Notre Dame 20
Dec. 28, 2004 Insight Bowl_Oregon St. 38, Notre Dame 21
Jan. 1, 2003 Gator Bowl_N.C. State 28, Notre Dame 6
Jan. 1, 2001 Fiesta Bowl_Oregon St. 41, Notre Dame 9
Jan. 1, 1999 Gator Bowl_Georgia Tech 35, Notre Dame 28
Dec. 28, 1997 Independence Bowl_LSU 27, Notre Dame 9
Jan. 1, 1996 Orange Bowl_Florida St. 31, Notre Dame 26
Jan. 2, 1995 Fiesta Bowl_Colorado 41, Notre Dame 24
Jan. 1, 1994 Cotton Bowl_Notre Dame 24, Texas A&M 21
Jan. 1, 1993 Cotton Bowl_Notre Dame 28, Texas A&M 3
Jan. 1, 1992 Sugar Bowl_Notre Dame 39, Florida 28
Jan. 1, 1991 Orange Bowl_Colorado 10, Notre Dame 9
Jan. 1, 1990 Orange Bowl_Notre Dame 21, Colorado 6
Jan. 2, 1989 Fiesta Bowl_Notre Dame 34, West Virginia 21
Jan. 1, 1988 Cotton Bowl_Texas A&M 35, Notre Dame 10
Dec. 29, 1984 Aloha Bowl_Southern Methodist 27, Notre Dame 20
Dec. 29, 1983 Liberty Bowl_Notre Dame 19, Boston College 18
Jan. 1, 1981 Sugar Bowl_Georgia 17, Notre Dame 10
Jan. 1, 1979 Cotton Bowl_Notre Dame 35, Houston 34
Jan. 2, 1978 Cotton Bowl_Notre Dame 38, Texas 10
Dec. 27, 1976 Gator Bowl_Notre Dame 20, Penn St. 9
Jan. 1, 1975 Orange Bowl_Notre Dame 13, Alabama 11
Dec. 31, 1973 Sugar Bowl_Notre Dame 24, Alabama 23
Jan. 1, 1973 Orange Bowl_Nebraska 40, Notre Dame 6
Jan. 1, 1971 Cotton Bowl_Notre Dame 24, Texas 11
Jan. 1, 1970 Cotton Bowl_Texas 21, Notre Dame 17
Jan. 1, 1925 Rose Bowl_Notre Dame 27, Stanford 10

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► NBA GLANCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	19	7	.731	—
Brooklyn	13	12	.520	5½
Boston	13	13	.500	6
Philadelphia	13	14	.481	6½
Toronto	9	19	.321	11
Southeast Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	17	6	.739	—
Atlanta	15	9	.625	2½
Orlando	12	14	.462	6½
Charlotte	7	18	.280	11
Washington	3	21	.125	14½
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	15	10	.600	—
Milwaukee	14	11	.560	1
Indiana	15	12	.556	1
Detroit	8	21	.276	9
Cleveland	5	23	.179	11½
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Southwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Memphis	17	6	.739	—
San Antonio	19	8	.704	—
Houston	13	12	.520	5
Dallas	12	14	.462	6½
New Orleans	5	20	.200	13
Northwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	21	5	.808	—
Minnesota	13	11	.542	7
Denver	14	13	.519	7½
Utah	14	13	.519	7½
Portland	12	12	.500	8
Pacific Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Clippers	19	6	.760	—
Golden State	17	9	.654	2½
L.A. Lakers	12	14	.462	7½
Phoenix	11	15	.423	8½
Sacramento	8	17	.320	11

Thursdays Games
Minnesota 99, Oklahoma City 93
Miami 110, Dallas 95
Portland 101, Denver 93
Fridays Games
Philadelphia 99, Atlanta 80
Toronto 93, Orlando 90
Milwaukee 99, Boston 94, OT
Chicago 110, New York 106
Indiana 99, Cleveland 89
Detroit 100, Washington 68
Memphis 92, Dallas 82
New Orleans at San Antonio, (n)
Charlotte at Golden State, (n)
Sacramento at L.A. Clippers, (n)
Saturday's Games
Chicago at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Washington, 7 p.m.
Utah at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Memphis at Houston, 8 p.m.
Indiana at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Cleveland at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Denver, 9 p.m.
Phoenix at Portland, 10 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.
Sunday's Games
Philadelphia at Brooklyn, 3 p.m.
Minnesota at New York, 5 p.m.
Utah at Orlando, 6 p.m.
Dallas at San Antonio, 7 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
Portland at Sacramento, 9 p.m.

CAVS FROM 1B

give the Pacers a 69-55 lead.
Cavs coach Byron Scott decided to rest Varejao for the second straight game rather than risk losing him for several more. The 6-foot-11 Brazilian will also probably sit out Saturday's game in Milwaukee, giving him additional time to heal before the Cavs play again on Dec. 26. Varejao, who is averaging 14.4 rebounds and playing at an All-Star level, bruised his knee on Tuesday night against Toronto. Irving had a puzzling first half and a disappointing game.
He scored just five points on 1-of-4 shooting and had four turnovers by halftime. On one of them, he drove the lane and badly overthrew the 7-foot Zeller but then showed some outward disappointment toward his teammate, who would have needed a step ladder to catch Irving's pass. Other than an eight-point flurry in the third quarter, Irving never found his groove on offense and settled for jump shots instead of driving to the basket.
Sparked by a 3-pointer from Green, the Pacers used a 12-2 run in the second quarter to open a 41-36 lead.
Notes: Not long after his big dunk, Green left with a sprained left ankle. ... Indiana has won four in a row over Cleveland. ... Scott is looking forward to having three practices next week. Because of Cleveland's brutal schedule and injuries, the Cavs have been reduced to one practice the past three weeks. ... Zeller made his second start for Varejao and finished with 12 points. He scored 20 on Wednesday at Boston in his first career start. ... Indiana's Tyler and Ben Hansbrough are the fourth pair of brothers in NBA history to play on the same team, joining Dick and Tom Van Arsdale, Dominique and Gerald Wilkins and Mark and Brent Price.

► BOWL GLANCE

Subject to Change
All Times EST
Saturday, Dec. 15
New Mexico Bowl
At Albuquerque
Arizona 49, Nevada 48
Famous Idaho Potato Bowl
At Boise, Idaho
Utah State 41, Toledo 15
Thursday, Dec. 20
Poinsettia Bowl
At San Diego
BYU 23, San Diego State 6
Friday, Dec. 21
Beef 'O' Brady's Bowl
At St. Petersburg, Fla.
UCF 38, Ball State 10
Saturday, Dec. 22
New Orleans Bowl
East Carolina (8-4) vs. Louisiana-Lafayette (7-4), Noon (ESPN)
MAACO Bowl
Las Vegas
Boise State (10-2) vs. Washington (7-5), 3:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Monday, Dec. 24
Hawaii Bowl
At Honolulu
Wednesday, Dec. 26
Little Caesars Pizza Bowl
At Detroit
Central Michigan (6-6) vs. Western Kentucky (7-5), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Thursday, Dec. 27
Military Bowl
At Washington
Bowling Green (8-4) vs. San Jose State (10-2), 3 p.m. (ESPN)
Belk Bowl
At Charlotte, N.C.
Duke (6-6) vs. Cincinnati (9-3), 6:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Holiday Bowl
At San Diego
Baylor (7-5) vs. UCLA (9-4), 9:45 p.m. (ESPN)
Friday, Dec. 28
Independence Bowl
At Shreveport, La.
Louisiana-Monroe (8-4) vs. Ohio (8-4), 2 p.m. (ESPN)
Russell Athletic Bowl
At Orlando, Fla.
Virginia Tech (6-6) vs. Rutgers (9-3), 5:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Meineke Car Care Bowl
At Houston
Minnesota (6-6) vs. Texas Tech (7-5), 9 p.m. (ESPN)
Saturday, Dec. 29
Armed Forces Bowl
At Fort Worth, Texas
Rice (6-6) vs. Air Force (6-6), 11:45 a.m. (ESPN)
Fight Hunger Bowl
At San Francisco
Arizona State (7-5) vs. Navy (8-4), 4 p.m. (ESPN2)
Pinstripe Bowl
At New York
Syracuse (7-5) vs. West Virginia (7-5), 3:15 p.m. (ESPN)
Alamo Bowl
At San Antonio
Texas (8-4) vs. Oregon State (9-3), 6:45 p.m. (ESPN)
Buffalo Wild Wings Bowl
At Tempe, Ariz.
Michigan State (6-6) vs. TCU (7-5), 10:15 p.m. (ESPN)
Monday, Dec. 31
Music City Bowl
At Nashville, Tenn.
Vanderbilt (8-4) vs. N.C. State (7-5), Noon (ESPN)
Sun Bowl
At El Paso, Texas

FUNKY WINKERBEAN

WHAT DO YOU SAY WE TAKE THESE TWO BEAUTIFUL LADIES AND GO OUT CAROLING, LIKE WE USED TO IN HIGH SCHOOL?

YOU TWO USED TO GO CAROLING?

YEAH, WE EVEN HAD A NAME FOR OUR GROUP... THE HUMBUGS.

SOUP TO NUTS

ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS IS TO HAVE PEACE AND LOVE IN THE WORLD...

Me too!

YOU TWO USED TO GO CAROLING?

YEAH, WE EVEN HAD A NAME FOR OUR GROUP... THE HUMBUGS.

CRANKSHAFT

LILLIAN IS GOING TO LOVE THIS BOOK.

YEP...

THERE'S NOTHING SHE ENJOYS MORE THAN SINKING HER EYES INTO A GOOD BOOK.

ARLO AND JANIS

WHAT DO YOU HOPE SANTA BRINGS YOU, POP?

WELL, I REALLY NEED A NEW POWER DRILL... AND I SURE COULD USE A NEW PAIR OF SLIPPERS. WHAT DO YOU HOPE HE BRINGS YOU?

I HOPE HE DOESN'T BRING ME ANYTHING THAT'S USEFUL OR THAT I NEED!

BLONDIE

CAN YOU SPOT US SOME CHRISTMAS CASH, DAD?

WE WANT TO BUY A SPECIAL GIFT FOR THE WORLD'S GREATEST DAD!

A FEW EXTRA BUCKS FOR MY GIFT? ABSOLUTELY!! DADDY!!

COOL!

WHAT THE HECK! I DESERVE SOMETHING NICE... I'VE BEEN REALLY GOOD THIS YEAR!

BORN LOSER

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FOR BETTER OR WORSE

WRAP WRAP TIE THE TAPE CUT SNIP THE WRAP WRAP

WOW, YOU SURE PUT A LOT OF WORK INTO WRAPPING THAT STUFF, EL!

THIS ISN'T WORK, JOHN - IT'S MAGIC!

WHAT'S MAGIC ABOUT IT?

I'M TURNING ORDINARY PACKAGES INTO GIFTS!

FRANK AND EARNEST

WHAT CONCERNS YOU MORE ABOUT POLITICIANS, UNANSWERED QUESTIONS OR UNQUESTIONED ANSWERS?

DILBERT

THE BAD APPLE YOU HIRED IS RUINING THE REST OF US.

JUST WALK IT OFF, YOU BIG BABY. I WANT SOLUTIONS, NOT PROBLEMS.

OUCH! STUPID BAD APPLE! WALK IT OFF.

GARFIELD

THIS CAME FOR YOU, SANTA

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TTHIG

LEBHOB

RAWMYL

Answer here: " " " "

Yesterday's Jumbles: BRAWN HEDGE DISOWN RITUAL Answer: The fancy new pub really — RAISED THE BAR

GIL THORPE

MILFORD 25, CORCORAN 20.

WHEN THEY COLLAPSE ON YOU AND STEFAN, LOOK FOR SCOTT ON THE WING.

SURE ENOUGH, FOWLER GETS WIDE-OPEN LOOKS, BUT...

Box

SORRY, COACH KAZ.

JUST NOT FEELING IT TONIGHT.

HI AND LOIS

DID YOU ASK THIRSTY TO TURN OFF HIS OUT-DOOR LIGHTS AT NIGHT?

YES. HE SAID FOR HIM, CHRISTMAS IS "24/7".

BABYBLUES

ARE YOU IN TROUBLE FOR CUTTING WREN'S HAIR.

KIND OF.

MOM WAS PRETTY MAD, BUT I THINK SHE'S GETTING OVER IT.

STOMP STOMP STOMP

SEE?

MUCH BETTER.

CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Chalky mineral

5 Make flour

10 Dirigible filler

12 Bug's antenna

13 Mystery man's girl

14 Electrical unit

15 River in France

16 Neaten the lawn

18 Sty matriarch

19 Fiction genre

23 Big Band —

26 Gangster's gun

27 Refs

30 Happen to

32 Hive collection

34 Freight carriers

35 Small fairy

36 Silently sullen

37 Imitate

38 Aykroyd or Rather

39 In the saddle

42 NASA destination

45 Always, to Poe

46 Horror film servant

50 General conception

53 Salad green

55 Mail booths

56 Attacks on a castle

57 Shuts with a bang

58 Kind of muffin

DOWN

1 Actress — Hatcher

2 Stein fillers

3 QE2, e.g.

4 Cow's "second course"

5 Topaz or emerald

6 Sales agent

7 Spots in la mer

8 Fiddling despot

9 Made a sketch

11 Fur-bearers

12 Spotted animal

17 Nutritious grain

20 Gawkers

21 Held gently

22 Qatar ruler

23 Decline gradually

24 Be a bookworm

25 1960s hairdo

28 Reimbursed

29 Sp. miss

31 Water, in Baja

32 Has high hopes

33 Craving

37 Exist

40 Wallet stuffers

41 Comforter filling

42 Pen refills

43 Planting medium

44 Portico

47 Prefix with "byte"

48 Microwave

49 Legal matter

51 Belief

52 Signs off on

54 Robin's beak

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HOROSCOPE

By HOLIDAY MATHIS
12/22/12

Capricorn Sun Challenge

Yesterday's solstice rang in a new season. Now the Capricorn sun issues a challenge: Can you keep old business separate from new business? Think of yourself as a doctor who must be careful not to spread germs from one patient to the next. The doctor uses the ritual of hand-washing to accomplish the aim. What will your ritual be?

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Everything can be dangerous: drinking too much water, sitting too long in the same position, playing video games. It's something to tell those who worry about the risk you're taking.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You don't look in the rearview mirror when you're driving forward, and you don't bring up childhood pain when you're trying to make a grownup impression. Others will learn from your dignified approach.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You'll enjoy listening to people talk about what's going on in their lives and/or businesses. You'll learn tips and gain insights that you can apply immediately.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The future looks bright, but not so bright that you can't make out the details. You'll spend time in the vision of your tomorrows, working out a few details in the process.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You may be the cat of the zodiac, but some people will encounter you as more of an armadillo: highly armored. It's appropriate that you ward off certain elements, and you're better off for the selectively protective stance.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You learned this long ago: If you find yourself wrestling the urge to change someone, the best thing to do is change yourself. Seek guidance and encouragement to reinforce the process.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll take a step back and assess your energetic investments. If you give energy to a person or endeavor that doesn't feed your soul in any way, you are stealing energy from yourself.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're not always the best judge of what will bring you pleasure. You'll find yourself in an extremely pleasant scenario. You didn't want or plan this, but it's wonderful!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The change you want in a certain relationship is becoming clearer with each new development. A new aim is born out of a simple wish to be in a different spot one year from now.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Set a tone for relationships. There will be something to nip in the bud. If you put up with someone's bad behavior long enough, it will eventually get worse.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You wisely realize that the one who looks like a giant may feel like a little kid inside. You sense how people feel about themselves and strive to help them improve the feeling.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). "Get rich quick" schemes almost never work, because to have a successful venture, you absolutely must spend time on it. Passion is important to your success, but time is the most critical ingredient.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 22). Because you want the person you love to be your best friend, you'll strive to create a relationship that works on many levels and will find much success with this endeavor this year. January and May are your luckiest months financially. The professional success you'll have in March is a dream come true. Aquarius and Libra people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 7, 39, 41, 35 and 20.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I'd like to get my 8-year-old Libran daughter into music lessons. I took piano as a child and remember liking it. My husband would rather she did sports. We had her in soccer for a little while, and she hated it. I guess she just hasn't shown us what she's into. My husband, a Taurus, says it's pointless to pay for piano lessons if she's not even that into music, and he thinks my parents' investment was a waste because I didn't turn out to be a professional piano player. I told him he's being ridiculous. But when I say Libra is the sign of harmony, he says I'm being ridiculous. Any suggestions?"

Many children don't know what they are "into," and providing an opportunity for them to try several different things (without the expectation that they will go pro!) is a wonderful gift for a parent to give.

Shinichi Suzuki, the Libra who created the Suzuki method of teaching music, had this to say: "Teaching music is not my main purpose. I want to make good citizens. If children hear fine music from the day of their birth and learn to play it, they develop sensitivity, discipline and endurance. They get a beautiful heart."

CELEBRITY PROFILES: She became an "American Idol" winner at age 17, and now Capricorn Jordin Sparks is living her dream through many expressions, including acting, fashion design and even fragrance development. The recent release of her third fragrance, "Ambition," is perfectly aligned with the values of her Capricorn sun sign. Capricorns are typically highly driven and have an excellent head for business.

Give nursing home patients gift of warmth



Heloise

Dear Heloise: I am a nursing assistant, and I work in a nursing home. With the holidays here, I thought I would suggest a few GIFT IDEAS for residents of nursing, assisted-living and group homes that are really appreciated.

I know many organizations and families get flowers at the holidays and even gift baskets for the residents. However, a lot of these items are wasted. So, here are a few ideas from a caregiver:

- Socks: Feet are always cold, and socks get lost in the laundry. Place name on the socks.
- Shawls for women: It can be cold sitting up during the day, and these will cover the shoulders.
- Blankets: Either lap or bed blankets that can provide a "touch of home" or a "hug" from friends and family.
- Slippers: Again, because feet get cold, and circulation is bad.
- Sweaters: Made from sweatshirt material. These wash very well and are warm.

— **A Reader in Maryland**

How right you are! And when buying shirts and sweaters, try not to get "pullover" types. They are difficult to get on and off. Other suggestions, readers? — **Heloise**

EASY ID

Dear Heloise: To save time searching for keys in my purse, I bought a carabiner and attached them to it. It matches my purse and keeps my keys safely inside and close to the top. Many of us have cars that need fobs for unlocking/locking. I got the carabiner for \$1 in a clearance box at the local hardware store. — **Mary, via email**

I use them for all kinds of projects! My husband, David, introduced me to them when we were hot-air ballooning! — **Heloise**

YUMMY TREATS

Dear Heloise: Here's my trick to make a crispy, "made from scratch" -tasting treat from commercial cookie dough. Follow the manufacturer's baking directions. Turn off the oven, slightly prop open the door and remove the cookie tray after about 10 minutes. The cookies will set nicely, without burning, and keep deliciously crisp in a container. — **Jeannie in Kingwood, Texas**

CRAYON MOLDS

Dear Heloise: Last year for my granddaughter's birthday party, my daughter-in-law had a great idea for her boxes of used broken crayons. She bought a couple of plastic candy molds, and we melted down different colors of crayons and poured them into the molds, making new crayons for the treat bags. The kids really loved them, and no wasted crayons! There are so many different molds out there; you can find them for just about any party theme. — **Maria in Ohio**

Drive home point in long-distance love

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend and I are in a long-distance relationship and agreed to split our visits 50-50 between our cities. Initially, it worked great. Unfortunately, his work schedule has changed, and for the past year he has come here to visit me only once every month or so, while I frequently drive for hours to see him.

He says that because he's away from home for work, it's only fair that I travel to see him since it's "less trouble" for me. I understand that he puts in a lot of time with travel for work, but at what point does the ratio become unbalanced and unfair?

I miss weekends in my city with my friends, and it makes me sad that he won't make the effort to see me. What do you think is right in this matter? — **UNCERTAIN IN SAN FRANCISCO**

DEAR UNCERTAIN: "What's right" is the original agreement you had with your boyfriend, or something close to it. Because he is no longer willing to live up to his part in the bargain, consider seeing him less often.

Perhaps if he has a chance to miss you, he will feel impelled to make more of an effort. And if he's not, then you won't have to cut off your social relationships at home — relationships you may need if this romance doesn't work out the way you would like.

DEAR ABBY: My wife of 32 years has delusional jealousy. It is so bad that she has checked my genitals and questioned the neighbors' wives. I have stayed in this marriage only because of our children, who are now adults.

I am at a crisis point where I want a divorce. I detest throwing 32 years away, but I have no love for this woman. We have sought counseling three times. However, once I start describing her delusions, the sessions quickly stop. — **WANTS OUT IN COLORADO**

DEAR WANTS OUT: Nowhere in your letter could I discern a question, but from my vantage point, I disagree that you would "throw 32 years away." You used that time to make sure your children were grown and independent. I'm sorry about your wife's delusions, but because she is unwilling to follow through with counseling, there is nothing you or I can do about them. If you want my permission to end this marriage, I can't grant it; only you can do that for yourself.

Readers offer suggestions for plague of tiny bug bites



Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: I want to reply to "Twice Bitten," who is being bitten by tiny bugs. I had the same problem. After several visits to the dermatologist and tests with no diagnosis, I tried lavender soap and lotion. Bugs do not like the smell of lavender. You also can sprinkle lavender flowers on your carpet and use lavender sachets. — **Also Been Bitten**

Dear From: We heard from hundreds of readers on this subject. So here are a few more:

From Casper, Wyo: My friend had a similar experience after a cruise. It turned out she had contracted scabies, probably from an infected mattress.

East Coast: As a pest control technician, I get

SATURDAY												DEC. 22	
	12 PM	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30	
(2) (KDKA)	Coach	Movie	** 'Together Again for the First Time'				FILM Preview Show		College Basketball: Kansas at Ohio State.				
(3) (WKYC)	Lazy	Wiggles	Paid	Paid	Notre Dame Special		Snowboarding		Boxing Fight Night: From Bethlehem, Pa.				
(4) (WTAE)	Green	House	The Hollywood Christmas Parade 'G'				Wipeout 'PG' Ⓢ		ESPN Sports Saturday (N)				
(5) (WEWS)	Video	Best Gift	Motion	Mirror	A Gospel Christmas		Wipeout 'PG' Ⓢ		ESPN Sports Saturday (N)				
(8) (WJW)	Animals	Rescue	Adven.	Career	On Spot	Juice and Lose!	Neighbor	Mike	Mike	Seinfeld	Seinfeld		
(9) (WTOV)	Hollywood Cel		Awards		Notre Dame Special		Snowboarding		Boxing Fight Night: From Bethlehem, Pa.				
(11) (WPXI)	Lazy	Wiggles	Noodle	Sports	Notre Dame Special		Snowboarding		Boxing Fight Night: From Bethlehem, Pa.				
(17) (WDLI)	Lassie	Goliath	Ishine	Inspir.	Veggie	Penguins!	Tails	Heroes & Legends	News	Just Where I Belong			
(19) (WOIO)	Paid	Paid	Paid	Juice and Lose!	Paid		FILM Preview Show		College Basketball: Kansas at Ohio State.				
(21) (WFMY)	C Malone	Paid	Stellar-Holidays		Notre Dame Special		Snowboarding		Boxing Fight Night: From Bethlehem, Pa.				
(22) (WCWB)	Mike	Youthful	Movie: "Palo Alto" (2007) Aaron Ashmore.				Movie: *** 'The Station Agent' (2003)		Fam. Guy Fam. Guy				
(23) (WVPX)	Paid	Paid	Married	Earl	Earl	Movie: *** 'Executive Decision' (1996)				NUMB3RS			
(27) (WKBN)	Funniest-Christmas	Movie: "12 Wishes of Christmas" 'G'				FILM Preview Show		College Basketball: Kansas at Ohio State.					
(33) (WYTV)	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Funniest-Christmas		Wipeout 'PG' Ⓢ		ESPN Sports Saturday (N)				
(43) (WUAB)	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Holiday Love 'G'		Hap Days		70s		70s		
(49) (WEAD)	House	Home	Art	Wild Adv.	Antiques Roadshow		Simply		Rachel		Cooking		
(53) (WPGH)	Mike	Paid	Paid	Paid	The Story of the First Noel 'G' Ⓢ		Cmas-Hollywood		30 Rock		30 Rock		
(55) (WRNX)	'Buster & Silent'		'Nuttiest Nut'		'The Dog Who Saved the Holidays'				Movie: 'The Christmas Story Lady' 'PG'				
(67) (WOAC)	Faithville	Creature	Science	Stories	End of	Safety	W. Crews	Health and Nutrition	Road	Hope	Partner		
(A&E)	Flipping Vegas 'PG'		To Be Announced		To Be Announced		To Be Announced		To Be Announced				
(AMC)	'Reluctant Astr.'		(15) Movie: 'The Ghost and Mr. Chicken'				(15) Movie: ** 'Jumanji' (1995) Robin Williams.				Miracle		
(AP)	To Be Announced		To Be Announced		To Be Announced		To Be Announced		To Be Announced		To Be Announced		
(BET)	(10:00) The Women of Brewster Place 'PG' Ⓢ						Roots Kunta Kinte is captured. (Part 1 of 6) 'PG'		Gupta		Roots		
(BRAV)	Shahs of Sunset		Housewives/Atl.		Housewives/Atl.		Housewives/Atl.		Housewives/Atl.		Real Housewives		
(CNBC)	Paid	Paid	Paid	Defrost	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Cook	Paid	Paid	Paid	
(CNN)	CNN Newsroom (N)		Your Money (N)		CNN Newsroom (N)		Gupta						
(CSPN)	(10:00) Washington This Week				Washington This Week								
(DISC)	World End?		Apocalypse 2012		Zombie Apocalypse		Amish Mafia		Amish Mafia		Moonshiners		
(DISN)	Wizards		Wizards		Good		Austin		Shake It		Good		
(E!	LeAnn Rimes '14'		Ice-Coco		Ice-Coco		E! Investigates '14'		Infamous		H'wood		
(ESPN)	College Football: R&L Carriers New Orleans Bowl								College Football: Maaco Bowl Las Vegas				
(ESPN2)	College Basketball: Gotham Classic				College Basketball				College Basketball: Marshall at Kentucky.				
(FAM)	Chip		Rudolph/Island of Misfit Toys		Rudolph's New Year		Miser Brothers		Year Without Santa		Santa Claus, Town		
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(FSOH)	Cavaliers		Cavaliers		Bearcats		Musket		College Basketball		College Basketball		
(GAC)	Top 20 Countdown		Kimberly		Kimberly		Dear Food Network		Over, Top Holiday		More Music: Videos		
(HBO)	Fight		Movie: ** 'Welcome to Mooseport'		G' Girl With a Pearl Earring				(15) 'Journey 2: The Mysterious Island'				
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Mexico's Maya heartland greets dawn of new era

MERIDA, Mexico (AP) — Dec. 21 started out as the prophetic day some had believed would usher in the fiery end of the world. By Friday afternoon, it had become more comic than cosmic, the punch line of countless Facebook posts and at least several dozen T-shirts.

At the ruins of the ancient Mayan city of Chichen Itza, thousands chanted, danced and otherwise frolicked around ceremonial fires and pyramids to mark the conclusion of a vast, 5,125-year cycle in the Mayan calendar.

The doomsayers who had predicted apocalypse were nowhere to be seen. Instead, people showed up in T-shirts reading "The End of the World: I Was There."

Vendors eager to sell their ceramic handicrafts and wooden masks called out to passing visitors, "Buy something before the world ends."

And on Twitter, (hash)EndoftheWorld had become one of the day's most popular hash tags.

For the masses in the ruins, Dec. 21 sparked celebration of what they saw as the birth of a new and better age. It was also inspiration for massive clouds of patchouli and marijuana smoke and a chorus of conch calls at the break of dawn.

The official crowd count stood at 20,000 as of mid-afternoon, with people continuing to arrive. That surpassed the count on an average day but not as many as have gathered at the ruins during equinoxes.

The boisterous gathering Friday included Buddhists, pagan nature worshippers, druids and followers of Aztec and Maya religious traditions. Some kneeled in attitudes of prayer, some seated with arms outstretched in positions of meditation, all facing El Castillo, the massive main pyramid.

Ceremonies were being held at different sides of the pyramid, including one led by a music group that belted out American blues and reggae-inspired chants. Others involved yelping and shouting, and drumming and dance, such as one ceremony led by spiritual master Ollin Yolotzin.

"The world was never going to end, this was an invention of the mass media," said Yolotzin, who leads the Aztec ritual dance group Cuautli-balam. "It is going to be a good era. ... We are going to be better."

Ivan Gutierrez, a 37-year-old artist who lives in the nearby village, stood before the pyramid and blew a low, sonorous blast on a conch horn. "It has already arrived, we are already in it," he

said of the new era. "We are in a frequency of love, we are in a new vibration."

But it was unclear how long the love would last: A security guard quickly came over and asked him to stop blowing his conch shell, enforcing the ruin site's ban on holding ceremonies without previous permits.

Similar rites greeted the new era in neighboring Guatemala, where Mayan spiritual leaders burned offerings and families danced in celebration. Guatemalan President Otto Perez Molina and Costa Rican President Laura Chinchilla attended an official ceremony in the department of Peten, along with thousands of revelers and artists.

At an indigenous South American summer solstice festival in Bolivia, President Evo Morales arrived on a wooden raft to lead a festival that made offerings to Pachamama, Mother Earth, on a small island in the middle of Lake Titicaca.

The leftist leader and 3,000 others, including politicians, indigenous shamans and activists of all stripes, didn't ponder the end of the world, just the death of the capitalist system, which Morales told the crowd had already happened amid "a global financial, political and moral crisis."

"The human community is in danger because of climatic reasons, which are related to the accumulation of wealth by some countries and social groups," he told the crowd. "We need to change the belief that having more is living better."

Despite all the pomp, no one is certain the period known as the Mayas' 13th Baktun officially ended Friday. Some think it may have happened at midnight. Others looked to Friday's dawn here in the Maya heartland. Mexico's National Institute of Anthropology and History even suggested historical calculations to synchronize the Mayan and Western calendars might be off a few days. It said the Mayan Long Count calendar cycle might not really end until Sunday.

One thing, however, became clear to many by Friday afternoon: The world had not yet ended.

John Hoopes, an assistant professor of anthropology at the University of Kansas, was at the ruins, using the opportunity to talk about how myths are created.

"You don't have to go to the far corners of the earth to look for exotic things, you've got them right here," he noted.

End-of-the-world paranoia, however,

has spread globally despite the insistence of archeologists and the Maya themselves that the date meant no such thing.

Dozens of schools in Michigan canceled classes this week amid rumors of violence tied to the date. In France, people expecting doomsday were looking expectantly to a mountain in the Pyrenees where they believe a hidden spaceship was waiting to spirit them away. And in China, government authorities were cracking down on a fringe Christian group spreading rumors about the world's end, while preaching that Jesus had reappeared as a woman in central China.

Gabriel Romero, a Los Angeles-based spiritualist who uses crystal skulls in his ceremonies, had no such illusions as he greeted the dawn at Chichen Itza.

"We'll still have to pay taxes next year," he said.

As if to put the final nail in the coffin of such rumors, Bob McMillan of the University of Arizona's Lunar and Planetary Laboratory confirmed Friday that no large asteroids are predicted to hit anytime soon.

And Bill Leith, a senior science adviser at the U.S. Geological Survey, noted that as far as quakes, tsunamis and solar storms for the rest of the day, "we don't have any evidence that anything is imminent."

Still, there were some who wouldn't truly feel safe until the sun sets Friday over the pyramids in the Yucatan peninsula, the heartland of the Maya.

Mexico's best-known seer, Antonio Vazquez Alba, known as "El Brujo Mayor," said he had received emails with rumors that a mass suicide might be planned in Argentina. He said he was sure that human nature represented the only threat Friday.

"Nature isn't going to do us any harm, but we can do damage to ourselves," he said.

Authorities worried about overcrowding and possible stampedes during celebrations Friday at Mayan sites such as Chichen Itza and Uxmal, both about 1 1/2 hours from Merida, the Yucatan state capital. Special police and guard details were assigned to the pyramids.

Yucatan Gov. Rolando Zapata said he for one felt the growing good vibes, and not just because his state was raking in loads of revenue from the thousands of celebrants flooding in.

"We believe that the beginning of a new baktun means the beginning of a new era, and we're receiving it with great optimism," Zapata said.

Authorities: 3 set deadly Ind. blast for insurance

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Three people charged in a gas explosion that devastated an Indianapolis neighborhood deliberately set up the deadly blast to collect a big insurance payout, authorities said Friday.

The home's owner, Monserrate Shirley; her boyfriend, Mark Leonard; and his brother, Bob Leonard, were arrested Friday and charged with murder, arson and other counts in the Nov. 10 blast that killed two people.

Shirley, 47, was facing mounting financial woes, including \$63,000 in credit card debt and a growing threat she might lose her home amid bankruptcy proceedings, court documents say. And a friend of Mark Leonard's told investigators Leonard said he had "lost a ton of money" — about \$10,000 — at a casino some three weeks before the explosion.

Investigators believe the trio had actually tried but failed to blow up Shirley's home the weekend before the successful timed explosion, according to Marion County Prosecutor Terry Curry. The fiery blast destroyed five homes, including Shirley's, and caused widespread damage to dozens of others in the Richmond Hill subdivision in the far south side of the city.

Curry called the explosion a "thoroughly senseless act" that killed Shirley's next-door neighbors. He said the victims, John Dion Longworth, a 34-year-old electronics expert, and his 36-year-old wife, second-grade teacher Jennifer Longworth, were "in the prime of their lives."

Randall Cable, the attorney for Shirley and Mark Leonard, said he was stunned by their arrest.

"I'm just as surprised as everyone else that they've made an arrest. My clients have consistently indicated their innocence," he said.

Shirley and the Leonard brothers face two counts of murder as well as 33 counts of arson — one count for each of the homes damaged so badly that officials have ordered their demolition.

Curry said his office would review whether to pursue the death penalty or

life in prison without parole against the three, who are scheduled to appear in court Monday.

Shirley and Mark Leonard, 43, also face two counts of conspiracy to commit arson, while Bob Leonard, 54, faces a single count. Curry said the conspiracy charges stem from the failed explosion.

He said investigators determined that Shirley's home filled up with gas after a gas fireplace valve and a gas line regulator were removed. A microwave, apparently set to start on a timer, sparked the explosion, he said.

On Friday, workers using heavy equipment were removing debris from razed homes in the neighborhood. Doug Aldridge, the head of the Richmond Hill's crime watch group, said after a neighborhood meeting that the allegations are "more than we anticipated."

"Sometimes money makes people do stupid stuff," Aldridge said.

Investigators found that in December 2011, Shirley's home insurance policy for personal property was increased to \$304,000 — an amount that was in addition to the coverage for the home itself, according to court documents.

A probable cause affidavit says Shirley filed for bankruptcy this year but stopped making her court-arranged payments and failed to appear at a July bankruptcy hearing. The home's original loan was for \$116,000 and a second mortgage was taken out on the home for \$65,000, the affidavit says.

A friend of Mark Leonard's also told investigators that Leonard would surf online dating sites "and located older, heavier women, wine and dine them," then borrowed money and never paid them back, according to the affidavit.

The friend said Shirley was aware of the scheming "and was OK with it so long as he did not sleep with the women," the affidavit says.

Leonard has a criminal record that includes stalking and intimidation and convictions on dealing and possessing cocaine, according to prison records.

Two men, one fitting Bob Leonard's description, were seen at Shirley's home the day of the explosion, and Curry indicated investigators believe that's when the gas line and valve were tampered with. He said authorities are still trying to determine the second man's identity.

Curry said that the day before the blast, the brothers asked an employee of local gas utility Citizens Energy several questions, "including the differences between propane and natural gas, the role of a regulator in a house and controlling the flow of natural gas and how much gas it would require to fill a house."

Curry said Shirley and her boyfriend had followed the same pattern two weekends in a row, visiting a southern Indiana casino, dropping off Shirley's daughter with a baby sitter and boarding the family's cat.

An affidavit says that when a friend of Mark Leonard's called him Nov. 2, eight days before the successful blast, Leonard told the friend "the house blew up" and that he and Shirley were staying in an efficiency apartment.

In another call that day, Leonard told his friend he had been surfing Craigslist "looking for a Ferrari to buy" and explained that he could afford the luxury car because Shirley had jewelry insurance and "they expect to get \$300,000 and he would get \$100,000" in the insurance payout, according to the affidavit.

It's not clear whether investigators think Leonard believed the first explosion attempt had succeeded. Curry's spokeswoman, Brienne Delaney, said the office could not comment beyond what was in the court documents.

The day after the explosion, Bob Leonard allegedly called his son and asked him to retrieve from a white van items he said he had salvaged from Shirley's home after the blast.

"That, of course, is impossible because everything in the house was destroyed," Curry said. "Plus no one was allowed access to the property after the explosion."



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